



**WORLD  
ENVIRONMENT  
DAY**

**5TH JUNE - EVERY YEAR. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE**

## **World Environment Day: Connect with Nature to save Earth**

Do you know World Environment Day also known as the Environment Day or Eco Day or WED? This day is celebrated every year worldwide to inspire the people to become active about the environment and learn the ways to protect the Nature. It is celebrated on every 5th June a day to promote caring for our planet Earth.

### **A Little History**

The year 1972 was marked as a turning point in the development of international environment issues. The first major conference was convened with the help and support of the United Nations (UN). It was held from June 5-16 in Stockholm (Sweden). It is known as the “Conference on the Human Environment.”

Two years later, in 1974 the first WED was held on 5th June. Thereafter, it has been started as an annual event on this Day with an aim to raise the global awareness about the importance of the healthy and green environment in the human lives.

### **Theme**

Each year the UN picks a theme and a host city where environmental topics can be discussed, followed by different kinds of exhibits and displays to promote environmental awareness. ‘**Connecting People to Nature**’ is the theme for **2017** and host country is **Canada**. The first WED was celebrated with the slogan “Only One Earth” in 1974 and host city was Spokane, United States.



**I'm With Nature**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Host Cities, Countries</b>
1974	Only one Earth	Spokane, United States
1975	Human Settlements	Dhaka, Bangladesh
1976	Water: Vital Resource for Life	Canada
1977	Ozone Layer Environmental Concern; Lands Loss and Soil Degradation	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1978	Development Without Destruction	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1979	Only One Future for Our Children – Development Without Destruction	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1980	A New Challenge for the New Decade: Development Without Destruction	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1981	Ground Water; Toxic Chemicals in Human Food Chains	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1982	Ten Years After Stockholm (Renewal of Environmental Concerns)	Dhaka, Bangladesh
1983	Managing and Disposing Hazardous Waste: Acid Rain and Energy	Sylhet, Bangladesh
1984	Desertification	Rajshahi, Bangladesh
1985	Youth: Population and the Environment	Pakistan
1986	A Tree for Peace	Ontario, Canada
1987	Environment and Shelter: More Than A Roof	Nairobi, Kenya
1988	When People Put the Environment First, Development Will Last	Bangkok, Thailand
1989	Global Warming; Global Warning	Brussels, Belgium
1990	Children and the Environment	Mexico City, Mexico
1991	Climate Change. Need for Global Partnership	Stockholm, Sweden
1992	Only One Earth, Care and Share	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
1993	Poverty and the Environment – Breaking the Vicious Circle	Beijing, People's Republic Of China
1994	One Earth One Family	London, United Kingdom
1995	We the Peoples: United for the Global Environment	Pretoria, South Africa

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<b>1996</b>	Our Earth, Our Habitat, Our Home	Istanbul, Turkey
<b>1997</b>	For Life on Earth	Seoul, Republic Of Korea
<b>1998</b>	For Life on Earth – Save Our Seas	Moscow, Russian Federation
<b>1999</b>	Our Earth – Our Future – Just Save It!	Tokyo, Japan
<b>2000</b>	The Environment Millennium – Time to Act	Adelaide, Australia
<b>2001</b>	Connect with the World Wide Web of Life	Torino, Italy And Havana, Cuba
<b>2002</b>	Give Earth a Chance	Shenzhen, People's Republic Of China
<b>2003</b>	Water – Two Billion People are Dying for It!	Beirut, Lebanon
<b>2004</b>	Wanted! Seas and Oceans – Dead or Alive?	Barcelona, Spain
<b>2005</b>	Green Cities – Plan for the Planet!	San Francisco, United States
<b>2006</b>	Deserts and Desertification – Don't Desert Dry lands!	Algiers, Algeria
<b>2007</b>	Melting Ice – a Hot Topic?	London, England
<b>2008</b>	Kick The Habit – Towards A Low Carbon Economy	Wellington, New Zealand
<b>2009</b>	Your Planet Needs You – Unite to Combat Climate Change	Mexico City, Mexico
<b>2010</b>	Many Species. One Planet. One Future	Rangpur, Bangladesh
<b>2011</b>	Forests: Nature at your Service	New Delhi, India
<b>2012</b>	Green Economy: Does it include you?	Brazil
<b>2013</b>	Think.Eat.Save. Reduce Your Foodprint	Mongolia
<b>2014</b>	Raise your voice, not the sea level	Barbados
<b>2015</b>	Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care.	Italy
<b>2016</b>	Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife trade	Angola
<b>2017</b>	Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator	Canada

## Connect Yourself to Nature

1. Have an outdoor picnic with friends and family to know nature
2. Walk through a Nature Park/ Garden on your way to work
3. Clean a local area and appreciate its beauty
4. Click Picture and Video which shows connections with Nature
5. Take forward the call to protect the Earth
6. Make collection of natural items like- dry leaves, flowers, bird's feathers, stones of different colour and shape
7. Know more about plants, animals, insect and birds
8. Take a stand against environmental pollution
9. Visit the farm and buy products from farmer's market
10. Go on a road trip
11. Plant new trees
12. Read books at the park
13. Petting zoo and feed the baby animals
14. Sleep with the open window
15. Enjoy breakfast in open space with bird watching
16. Watch the sunrise and sunset over water
17. Be creative with dry leaves and rocks
18. Get inspired to "Go Green"
19. Water the plants at home and neighbourhoods
20. Ride bicycle and breathe fresh air in the morning
21. Climb a tree
22. Buy some houseplants, keep a jar of fresh flowers
23. Put a crystal on your desk
24. Place a jar full of seashells and sand in your living room
25. Open your window and enjoy the surroundings
26. Look outside and take in all the beauty of nature
27. Breathe in the colours, shapes, textures and sounds
28. Observe the colour of the sky, the shapes of the clouds and the sounds of the birds
29. Peaceful outdoor walks
30. Take short breaks from your desk and go out. Sit on the grass and just be. Do nothing. Just connect with the earth and yourself
31. Meditate or do yoga outside on the grass without your mat.
32. Explore the trees, the clouds, the birds, the weeds, the air, and anything else when come across
33. Add some natural and organic to your beauty and make up products
34. Go on an adventure and collect items from nature
35. Switch off from technology and escape to enjoy the great outdoors
36. Encourage people to join the campaign to make the world a better place to live

World Environment Day is a chance to reconnect with nature and celebrate the places that matter most to you.