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Summer Walks

My favorite season I love the most is summer. I have a lot of free time to play outside during the summer. I do not have school and I can spend time with my friends. Franklin Township has great roads and trails to walk along. I love seeing nature on my days off. I love playing outside.

I like taking walks to a creek down my road. Sometimes I ride my bike to the creek. On my walk I see cows, horses, and dogs and sometimes I wave to my neighbors. My sister found little gnome homes at the bottom of the trees on our walk. I wonder who put them there? It's exciting to try and spot new ones. When I get to the creek, I immediately jump in and try to catch minnows. I like the feel of the fresh cold water running through my shoes. Sometimes I stand on top of the bridge and drop sticks down and race to the other side to see them come out. My neighbor built a rock bridge across the stream but the last hurricane pushed all those rocks around. Maybe I will rebuild this summer on one of my walks. If we are really lucky in the summer, we will see the eagles. They have a giant nest right by the creek. We see them a lot when the weather gets nicer.

I also like to walk on trails where I can see animals like deer, birds, turtles, fish, and foxes. When I'm on the trail I try to skip rocks off the bridge. I like to count turtles. I play I Spy with my little sister. My grandpa likes to run on the Landsdown Trail when the weather gets warmer. I go with him sometimes. I like how shady the trees make the trail during the summer. It keeps me from getting sunburnt.

I also like to run around in my backyard. I like it because of the smell of grass. I play soccer and football in my backyard. I have a pool I can go in when it gets too hot. My sister likes to swing through the air while I kick my soccer ball around. I go to the garden with my grandma. She likes to plant seeds and grow crops. I like to dig trenches for my army men in the dirt outside while she is planting. Sometimes I take my monster trucks out there and race them around in the dirt. I love the feel of dirt stuck between my toes. I love being able to smell the summer rain and watch the heat lightning at night. I try to catch fireflies at night.

Summer is one of the best seasons in Franklin Township. I can spend a lot of my time outside enjoying the fresh air. I love the warm weather and sunny skies. I get to spend most of my time outside in the summer because there is no school!