



Dean and Penni Gunby and their two children, Luke, 8, and Owen, 5, always bring along their camera, binoculars and hiking sticks for their family hikes.

ponds listening and looking for bullfrogs, leopard frogs, gray tree frogs, green frogs and great blue herons. Budget half a day or a full day for a visit to Terra Cotta.

<http://www.creditvalleycons.com/recandleisure/terracotta.htm>

10. For those rainy days

Before your hikes, or for those odd rainy days you can play Professor Noggin's nature trivia card games with the entire family. Each game focuses on a theme: birds, insects and spiders, freshwater life, and reptiles and amphibians. From playing the various games you can quickly become an expert on the creatures and critters that you encounter while hiking. A sample question on the turkey vulture—a bird that you are bound to see riding the thermals high in the sky, goes like this: "Unlike most birds, what sense do I have that helps me locate food? (Answer: Sense of smell). Locally these games can be picked up from Squirt's Toys and Learning Co. in Georgetown.



<http://www.professornoggin.com/index.shtml>

As you can see, Halton Hills has a wealth of hiking locations all within a short walk or drive that are accessible, diverse and a pleasure to explore. This summer, make a pact with yourself and your family to take a hike in Halton Hills. I will see you on the trails!

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