

Why the country is for me.

The country is for me because I can have fun by playing hide-n-go-seek, climbing trees and mountain sides or splashing in a brook with crystal clear water on a hot day.

I can get exercise by: running through fields and meadows, jumping over streams and fallen trees.

I can go hiking through old-growth forests and clearings made by animals bigger than me. I can see, hear and smell the wildlife: deer, elk, coyotes... on the DRY ground.

In the water I can see fish and tadpoles of all colors, shapes and sizes. And the creatures that are sometimes in the water and other times out; like frogs and insects. Insects are also in the air, butterflies, dragonflies, and the pesky ones too, like mosquitoes, flies and more. But there are birds in the sky that I can see to take care of the pesky insects. Birds like; eagles, osprey, chick- a-dees, herons and crows.

Or I can just gather my thoughts in the

sometimes calm world of nature.

I like to see, hear, smell and do all of those things, and I can only do them in the country. That is why the country is for me.

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