

# Cloud Gazing

Taking a few minutes to gaze at clouds can be a fun and relaxing way to spend an afternoon. Grab a blanket and lay down!

Materials Needed:

- a blanket to lay on (optional)
- copy of the cloud identification sheet

Step #1:

Grab a blanket and lay it on the ground... this is optional, you do not need to have a blanket!

Step #2:

Find a comfortable place to stop while exploring outside in your backyard, local park or state park area. Lay down on your back!

Step #3:

Take a few minutes to stop and look at the clouds... what different kinds of clouds do you see? What shapes of clouds do you see? Can you find an “animal” shaped cloud? Can you find a “car” shaped cloud?

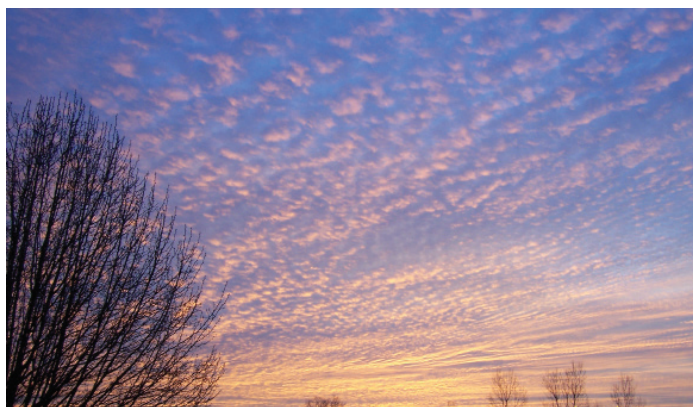


# Cloud Gazing: Cloud Identification

Take this sheet with you as you head out on your outdoor adventures...

Look for all the different kinds of clouds...

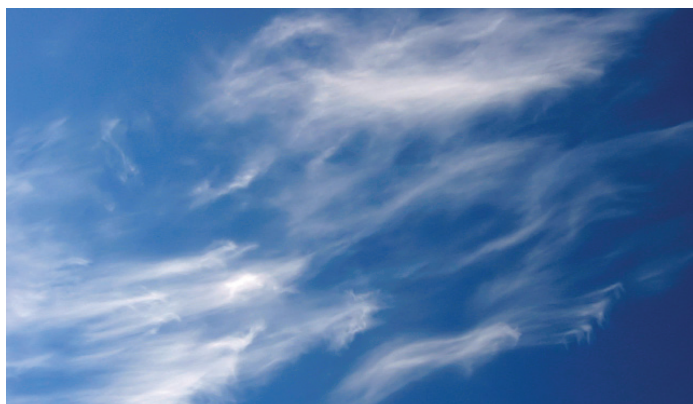
Or, look for images created by the shapes of clouds!



Cirrocumulus



Cumulus



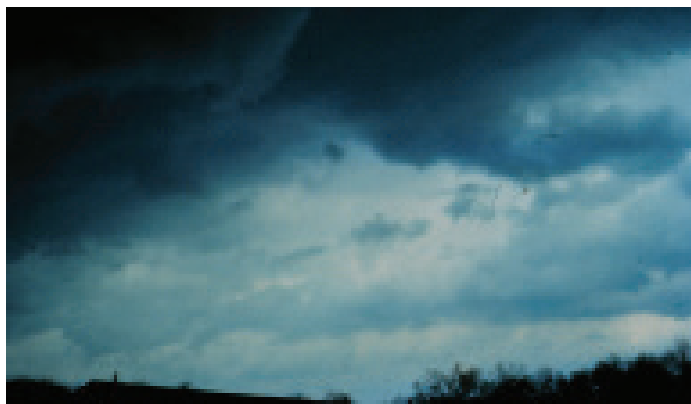
Cirrus



Cumulonimbus



Stratus



Nimbostratus