51 Things to Do Before You're 12

1. Climb a tree
2. Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
3. Fall off a bike
4. Learn to swim
5. Build a cubby or a tree house
6. Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
7. Build a snow man
8. Cook damper in a campfire
9. Find a cicada by following the sound
10. Catch a wave (start with a small one)
11. Play chasy in the rain
12. Catch a yabby in a river or dam (or at least have fun trying)
13. Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
14. Find a cave
15. Make something with things you find
16. Play in a creek
17. Do something you're scared of
18. Watch kangaroos in the wild
19. Slide down a sand (or grass) hill on cardboard
20. Yell "cooee!" in a gorge or a valley
21. Go camping with your family
22. Build a sandcastle city
23. Skim a stone
24. Plant something and watch it grow
25. Play spotlight
26. Ride your bike on a bush trail
27. Have a snow ball fight
28. Go for a two-day hike
29. Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
30. Ride a flying fox
31. Play under a sprinkler
32. Climb a big rock
33. Play in the bush for a whole day
34. Visit a waterhole
35. Meet kids in a park and invent a game
36. Paddle a kayak
37. Dig for worms in your backyard
38. Invent a game that lasts 3 days
39. Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
40. Visit a national park
41. Catch a fish
42. Play on a rope swing
43. Eat bush tucker
44. Make a kite and fly it
45. Jump off a jetty (check the water is deep enough first)
46. Identify the birds in your backyard
47. Go abseiling
48. Catch a tadpole (and release it)
49. Make a mud pie
50. Find a lake, puddle, pond etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
51. Play beach cricket

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