



Remember when...? – In the field

Description

Nowadays, kids tend to stay indoor and play with their techno games and toys, but 50 years ago, those didn't exist and kids were actually playing outside. I guess it helped that i lived in an urban area since there were many kids around too.

Playing outside didn't require much as far as toys, equipment or facilities. We would play hours with the most rudimentary objects, and we still had fun!

No playground

Even though i lived in Montreal, the closest real playground was about 1km from home and although our parents were not as worried back then to let us roam around, it was too far for us in general so our favorite spot was an empty lot on the street right behind ours. That "block" was probably around 150m by 75 m and it was just a wild field. There were two houses on one end and that was it.

A big rock

In the middle of that field, there was a big rock. Maybe not that big because we could easily climb on it, but i was shorter then. We played hours and hours in that field. I remember having picnics on that rock. We have played tag around the rock. We could invent many games in a plain old field.

Watching nature

I also remember watching insects in that field. A praying mantis, a dragonfly, and some bees westayed away from. I didn't know the name of all the weeds that grew there, but i know there were a lotof dandelions. Our landlord who was originally from France, would often come with me to pick them to make salads.

It is interesting how a plain empty field could have been our daily playground and we never complained that there was "nothing to do".

How about you? What were your favorite places to play when you were young? Did you have a secret hideout? Tell us all about those special places you spent so many hours and days playing when you were young. Add those to the comments below!

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