

Camille

It was interesting to see people's attitudes to nature during the lockdown. Indeed, I had never seen so many people running or working in their gardens. Moreover, people who live in cities went to the countryside. So, I think, during this lockdown everybody understood the importance of nature.

I'm lucky because I live near a wood so I could run and walk far away from my city life. Indeed, in woods we are alone, only with birds' songs and nature's smells, without the city sounds. Above all, I understood I couldn't stay at home all the time, confined. So, going to nature enabled me to be relaxed after work. "Into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul". John Muir.

Romain

I live in a house with a garden, but during this hard lockdown, I unfortunately did not have time to get into it very often. Indeed, courses being all maintained online, I spent most of the day following them, and then I did the work that our teachers gave us during the day for the next day, work which was more substantial than usual. So, I thought a lot about this outing in Pibeste, in order to do the work which we had to do about it. I had very few hours left for myself, and I spent them reading, but certainly not in the garden because I can't stand noise when I read. A real problem when we are five in a house, including one little brother, very keen on football, with a football cage in the garden, as well as a dog barking at his fellow member next door separated by a simple fence! For all contact with nature, I went out walking with the dog, my parents and my brothers but these walks did not last very long and we didn't go very far, the lockdown didn't allow it, and therefore I very rarely went out, good citizen that I am. Okay, so I'm going to talk about my garden which, unfortunately, I did not have too much time to visit during this lockdown for the reasons mentioned above, and in which I did not do anything personally. What happened during this period? Well, my brother started a rose garden, he started to plant roses in which he did not want to put chemicals, and despite that, they grew well and are very beautiful now. I'm talking about it because I mentally supported him from my room during the two-hour online classes. During the walks with the dog, we met some people, some who respected the exit radius and others who did not. They needed to go out and reconnect with nature too.

Gabriel

For me, the lockdown was not unbearable, far from it. On the contrary, it was a great opportunity to ask ourselves fundamental questions about our existence, about our powerful / strong relationship with the Earth, nature, the outside world that we missed so much. Concretely, I used the lockdown to garden regularly. I designed a vegetable garden, planted many vegetables, took care of my garden, took the time to prepare many small dishes with food from organic farming! It was a real pleasure! In addition, I have an extremely strong passion for the mountains. During my free time, I got particularly informed about its history, its relationship with man, its ecosystem, its summits which attract me so much, and especially how I could help to save these so big but so fragile mountains from global warming! Besides, I am thinking of spending a few weeks in a Pyrenean nature reserve during the holidays, to get even more familiar with this fascinating environment!

Adèle

At the beginning I didn't see any problems with the lockdown : I went out for one hour a day riding my bike with my parents, I managed to find work and completely detached myself from my phone but, after a few weeks, I really started to miss social ties. Sometimes my days were boring and I was not productive but I managed to review my schedule and make programs for myself. I am very happy to live in a house with a garden in town. Furthermore, I think that it was beneficial for nature, animals: the decrease of pollution (no more planes, fewer travels). Not only the animals' lives evolved. The lockdown was beneficial to people's way of life : some of them became more open-minded about some jobs and about the environment.

Emmanuel

On my deckchair, I pondered on and on about what I missed most. Nature, yes, my garden was no longer enough for me although we could feel good there ... my friends, enormously ... the smell of wet trees, very much ... I longed to go hiking, to breathe in nature, to dream about it at night ... I was tired of staying in front of these screens all day, never going out, never enjoying the sun.

But I think this has taught me many things. All this technology can be appreciated but far less than nature. Humans were not created by technology but by nature and nature is life.

My family and I realized that we were not enough in contact with the wildlife that surrounds us. Secondly, that we, as humans, don't take care of nature enough. We reach a point where we need a pandemic to realize that we are global polluters!

Noa

I live in a house in the countryside and I am lucky enough to own a garden. For my part, the lessons were maintained virtually and the teachers gave us more work than before the lockdown. So I was not in my garden 24 hours a day. Despite this, I played table tennis and speedminton a lot in my garden with my sister between noon and two and in the afternoon. But after the end of the virtual courses, I often went running (respecting the legal limit of 1km around). Before, when I was jogging, I did a 5km loop, which was unfortunately more than a 1km from my home. Fortunately, my father found a route respecting the law, it was 4km. This circuit was very good because most of it was off the road. The thing that reminded me of the length of the lockdown was the growth of the herbs, which were only growing because nobody came to cut them. At the beginning of the lockdown, they reached my ankle, and then they were above my midriff. I found that it was a beautiful symbol of the benefits of an almost total lockdown for nature, which was no longer restrained by human activities.

Clara

During this lockdown I had the chance to have a large garden where I picked up strawberries and salads in the family vegetable garden... I also took care of the flowers and the trees by pruning and watering them. I would say that the lockdown increased my bond with nature because I spent more time with it than on normal days when I go to school and come back home to do my homework.

I felt good because, far from pollution, the air was light.

I also played football and badminton in the garden with my sister and my mum.

When it was sunny I would go outside to work or during online classes. But the rainy days were depressing. It was dark outside and I didn't want to do anything.

Jeanne

I just would like to talk about the origin of the Covid-19 outbreak. Indeed, some sources say that the virus came from an animal, which means that by destroying and reducing the spaces devoted to animals, humans bring animals closer to humans and diseases are transmitted.

Eva

With the quarantine, we couldn't go out anymore, we had to stay safe at home.

But I'm lucky to have a garden with a swimming pool. So, as you can guess, I am very often outside.

Summer comes really fast, days are longer, it doesn't rain anymore, it's sunny. So I spend a lot of time outside watching birds and flowers,...

Well, I was glad to have a garden in those times, which could be hard for some people.

Clémence

During lockdown, I had the chance to be outside often. I am lucky enough to have a garden and a swimming-pool. When the weather was good, my family and I were always outside. Even during my virtual classes, I was sitting outside under the sun. Thanks to this, my lockdown was much funnier and more pleasant.