

Activity Guide Classroom Connections

NATURE all around us



There are many opportunities to extending the learning from the *Nature All Around Us* exhibit at the Natural History Museum of Utah to your classroom. Find resources and ideas below.

Make Use of Your Outdoor Classroom!

Not all schoolyards have an excess of green space but many discoveries can still be made! Use the activities below as a jumping off point for learning explorations.

Eco-Art: Create temporary art pieces using objects found in nature. Channel your inner Andy Goldsworthy to create art using rocks, leaves, sticks, and more!

Hula Hoop Discoveries: Discover a world between the blades of grass with the assistance of a hula hoop. Use the hula hoop (or rope) to block off an area of lawn. Spend time exploring this space and recording all plants and animals found in this area.

Sundial Studies: Create a sundial in the school yard as a class. Use this activity to learn about the sun's position and earth's orbit.

Nature Journal: Explore the school yard or nearby green space with a Nature Journal. Allow students to take notes, write stories and poems, or draw pictures.

Online Resources:

Use iNaturalist with your class in the school yard or nearby green space.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/teacher's+guide>

Lost Ladybug Project

Help scientists locate native and non-native ladybug species. Find identification tools and other resources online at <http://www.lostladybug.org/participate.php>

Become a Utah Green School through the Utah Society for Environmental Education

<https://www.usee.org/programs/utahgreenschools>

Find resources and activities through the North American Association for Environmental Education

<https://naaee.org/eepr/resources>

Find the entire Entomology collection from NHMU and other Museums online at

www.scan-bugs.org. Use this resource to ask questions, find information, and create projects around the wide world of insects!



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