



Ideas for Biodiversity Trips

Sample Nature Walks:

- ❖ A Day in the Life of a Salt Marsh
- ❖ Sunrise Paddle
- ❖ Owl Prowl
- ❖ Shad Spawning by Moonlight
- ❖ Medicinal Herbs & Plants
- ❖ Footprints of the Ice Age
- ❖ Learning To Love Lichens
- ❖ The Mothman Cometh
- ❖ Turtleland!

Data Collection

- ❖ Theme trips
 - Focus on one group, such as birds or ferns or mollusks
 - Focus on one habitat, such as marsh, meadow, or forest
- ❖ Bioblitz – observe as many species as possible in a given area
- ❖ Stationary observations
 - Night moth observations
 - Lay out grid and record everything found inside
- ❖ Fill gaps in existing data:
 - Natural Resource Inventory for Open Space and Recreation Plan
 - Ask managers of protected land about what data they need
- ❖ Monitor habitat for changes over time, set permanent quadrats to revisit

Biodiversity Explorations

- ❖ Treasure/Scavenger Hunt
- ❖ Set up stations to visit
 - Microscope with pond water
 - Telescope to watch nesting birds
 - Animals or models to touch/observe
- ❖ Simply take a walk in the woods
 - Turn over rocks in streams or fallen logs (put them back!)
 - Listen for birds or frogs

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