

Activity: Take Only Photos Leave No Trace

Kit needed: Camera, smart phone/ tablet

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 3+

Location: this can be done in an area as small as a garden or as big as a forest clearing - you set your own boundaries

Learning about: leaving no trace, not causing damage to nature and taking only photos.

Instructions:

As a family group go into the woods or into the garden and each person takes different photos on their own device of objects they find in that area. All return to the starting point, swap devices/ images with each other and try to find the object /plant/flower/tree that the other has photographed. If you are limited to 1 camera device then it can be done in pairs/groups where some wait and turn away whilst the others go off to take photos.

Additional comments:

This is a great opportunity for children to immerse themselves in nature and explore things from different perspectives

When you are photographing objects avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission.

Be careful not to disturb wildlife or destroy habitats when searching for objects.

Use additional resource guides to identify what others have found.

Watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles.