

Un-Nature Trail

Activity Suitable for: ALL

Purpose:

To develop observational skills and to raise awareness of the world around them.

What to prepare:

- A selection Man Made items (at least 10!)
- A list of the items that are going to be placed along the trail.
- A pre-defined trail route...need suitable way of marking the route. Maybe neckerchiefs or maps.

Time:

Prep time 30mins

60 mins for activity

How to run it:

1. Before the activity starts mark a trail or use an existing trail.
2. Place unusual items along the route.
3. Vary the ease of seeing the items.
4. Give the list to the participants
5. Walk the participants along the trail and have them mark off the items as they see them.
6. Once all the groups have finished walk the trail all together and point out all the items and collect them as you go.

Discussion points:

How hard was it to find the items?

Where there any natural items of interest on the trail?

Did you notice anything else man made that wasn't on the list?

What the problems associated with litter?

Variations:

1. Try the trail but don't actually prepare a list but still place the items.
2. Try the trail with no list and no items, just the litter that is already there then pick it up when the activity is finished.
3. Try placing bonus items on trail, note on the list that there are bonuses to find