PLASTIC-FREE ADVENTURES!

Field trips that connect the perils of plastics to your own community

Field trips for students 6-12 years

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FIRST... FIVE TIPS for planning the trip!

1. Avoid single-use plastic packaged foods
2. Ditch single-use utensils in favor of reusable ones
3. Ask students to bring refillable water bottles
4. Avoid plastic bags, and ask students to bring reusable bags only
5. Skip taking any brochures or pamphlets by sharing information ahead
If you want your students to appreciate and care for the environment, first help them explore it!

Below are a few field trip ideas for you to try out!

Plastic Scavenger Hunt

Whether your destination is a beach, a forest, or a city park, you can make your journey fun and impactful with a simple plastic scavenger hunt.

Make a list of common and easily identifiable plastic items (eg. bottle caps, utensils, water bottles) and add a few other “bonus” large items as well! Have students work in groups to find and properly dispose of every item listed. Think your students are ready for something more advanced? Try the brand audit or the TrashBlitz app!
What happens after you drop your plastics into a recycling bin? Your students are probably curious, so consider contacting your local recycling centre to see if they host school visits. This takes the mystery out of “what happens next” and makes students aware of the importance of proper plastic separation, but be sure to make it clear that recycling is not the antidote to society’s plastic addiction.

If you’re lucky enough to live near a nature preserve or animal rescue centre, then let your students get up close to wildlife!

This trip puts a face to the problem of plastic pollution. When kids (and adults!) meet the animals whose habits are threatened, they gain a new appreciation for environmental activism.
Join Makers Events

Take your students crafting skills to the next level and bring them to a local makers event, where they can create unique items that challenge consumerist habits.

Check out the online calendar of MAKE_SMTHNG Week or search for other similar makers workshops near you (eg. Fab Lab, Repair Cafes, etc.)!

Fridays for Future

Ready to heed the worldwide call to support our youth and join the climate marches that are sweeping the globe? Think about your students future... and join Fridays for Future!

This powerful movement is always organising events, so stay aware of what’s happening in your community.
The majority of the plastic that enters the ocean ends up on the seafloor.

Drink companies produce over 500 billion single-use plastic bottles annually.

Up to 9 out of 10 seabirds have ingested plastic.

More than half of whale and dolphin species have ingested plastic.

The weight of a billion elephants.

About 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic has been produced since the 1950s.

Facts about plastic pollution.

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