

2024 Earth Day

THS Campus Nature Walk

Taking a nature walk around a school campus can be a great way to connect with the outdoors and observe the environment. Here are seven things to look for on your nature walk:

1. **Local Flora and Fauna**: Identify and observe different plants and trees native to your region. Look for any unique or interesting species around your school grounds. Take a picture and we will look up its name.
2. **Bird Watching**: Listen for bird calls and look up to spot different bird species. Pay attention to their colors, sizes, and behaviors. See if you can identify any common birds that frequent the area. Take a picture.
3. **Insects and Small Creatures**: Keep an eye out for insects, butterflies, spiders, and other small creatures. Look closely at the ground, on leaves, or near flowers to discover these tiny inhabitants.
4. **Tracks and Signs**: Examine the ground for animal tracks or signs of wildlife activity such as nests, burrows, or chewed plants. This can give clues about the animals that live in or pass through the area.
5. **Environmental Changes**: Observe any changes in the landscape or environment. Notice seasonal changes, like budding flowers in spring or fallen leaves in autumn. Look for signs of erosion, growth, or human impact.
6. **Water Features**: If your school has a pond, stream, or other water bodies nearby, explore these areas for aquatic life. Watch for fish, tadpoles, frogs, or waterfowl.
7. **Weather and Sky**: Take note of the weather conditions and cloud formations. Look up at the sky and observe any birds soaring or insects flying. The weather can influence what you see and hear during your walk.
8. **What is Missing?**: What is missing on our campus that would make this place more environmentally friendly? Is there something that we should be advocating for that will bring to life our campus?

Take time to appreciate the beauty of nature and the wildlife that coexists with your school environment.