

GARDEN HIKE

WHAT IS THE GARDEN HIKE?

The Garden Hike is a "mobile interview." You will interview gardeners as you walk through the garden.



During the Garden Hike, you will ask questions about things that interest you in the garden.

What plants are growing in the garden?

Have people built anything in the garden?

What do people do in the garden?



WHY THE GARDEN HIKE?

You will join people all over North America gathering information for the online Community Garden Inventory. Together you can help us understand why community gardens are important to people.



WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- ✓ copy of Community Garden Inventory Form
- ✓ 3x5 inch cards or paper to write your questions on
- ✓ pencils
- ✓ clipboards
- ✓ cameras (optional)

Don't forget drinks and snacks!



WHAT TO DO...BEFORE GOING TO THE GARDEN

Background Research

- ✓ Read about community gardens on the Garden Mosaics website. Also go to the Community Garden Inventory Database on the Garden Mosaics website and read about some other gardens.
- ✓ Discuss with your friends why you think community gardens are important.

Generate Questions

- ✓ Brainstorm a list of questions that you think are important to ask gardeners.
- ✓ Look at the online Community Garden Inventory Form. Make sure to include the questions you need answered to fill in the form on your list.

Practice Interviewing

- ✓ Review interviewing skills on the website and practice interviewing with your friends.
- ✓ Decide what everyone is going to do during the interview in the garden.

What do we want to learn about?

Who will introduce us to the gardeners?

Who will tell the gardeners what we want to do?

Why do you think the community garden is important?

May I take the photos?

I'll take notes, if you like.

We have to make sure all the questions from the Community Garden Inventory Form are answered.

How should we end the interview?

We could write our questions on 3x5 cards so each person has their own questions to ask.

✓ Talk to your group leader or read the Garden Mosaics Program Manual about gardener permission forms.

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WHAT TO DO...AT THE GARDEN

- ✓ Introduce yourselves and the activity to the gardeners.
- ✓ Tell them about the Garden Hike.
- ✓ Begin at one end of the garden and walk through the garden with the gardeners. As you walk, ask questions from your checklist.
- ✓ Also ask questions about what you see and about things that seem to be important to the gardeners.
- ✓ Don't be afraid to ask questions about things you don't understand or want to learn more about. The gardeners will be excited to know that you are interested in what they do!
- ✓ Observe things, take photos, and jot down notes about what you see.
- ✓ Before you leave, make sure you have answered all of the questions on your checklist and on the Community Garden Inventory Form.
- ✓ Thank the gardeners before you leave.

Would you like to share our snack?

WHAT TO DO...AFTER YOU LEAVE THE GARDEN

Review findings

- ✓ Discuss the visit to the community garden. Talk about what you learned about the community garden.

What did we learn about the people and plants in the garden?

What did you not understand?

Why might these gardens be important to neighborhoods?

What might you want to learn more about?

Share online

- ✓ Write down the answer to each question on the Community Garden Inventory Form. Then enter your data onto the online form.

Learn more

- ✓ Check out the online Science Pages. Click on any pages that might help you to understand more about what you learned.

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