



Understanding Wetlands Post-Trip Activities

We hope you enjoyed your trip to Armand Bayou Nature Center! Use these ideas to further students' learning now that you are back in the classroom.

- ✓ Reflect on your visit to Armand Bayou Nature Center. Ask students to describe their favorite parts of the trip and to recall some facts and concepts they learned.
- ✓ Revisit questions or topics from the pre-trip activities, such as students' note card questions and pre-trip quizzes.
- ✓ Engage students in an extension activity, such as one of the following:
 - If you collected data, make charts or graphs to analyze it. Did you see much diversity? What do your observations tell you about the health of the wetlands? How did the bayou and pond differ? How were they alike? Formulate questions for future research based on the data gathered.
 - If you took water samples, create slides of the samples to view under microscopes. Make several slides of each type of water. Try to identify and keep a tally of the different things you see, or at least classify them as phytoplankton, zooplankton, algae, detritus, etc. Compare and contrast what you observe in the pond and bayou water.
 - Bring in an article related to water use, water quality, watersheds, or wetlands to class. Present your article to the class, summarizing it and giving your opinion of the article. You might even hold debates about some of the article topics.
 - Create a dichotomous key of some of the organisms you found in the wetlands.
 - Make a slide show presentation, video, or website about wetlands. You might include photos from your trip and descriptions of what you saw or did.
- ✓ If you want to learn more about wetlands and water quality, consider scheduling an Armand Bayou Nature Center Outreach. Nature educators can come to your school and present information about erosion and water management through Enviroscope© demonstrations.

Thanks for visiting Armand Bayou Nature Center!

