

RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools



**Foundation &
Key Stage 1**

Journey Sticks

Curricular Links: Geography



How long will it take?

30 minutes to one hour

What do we need to bring?

Four elastic bands per child (plus spares). A stick each (30cm long approximately). Put the elastic bands onto each stick spaced evenly.

How do we do it?

Explain that indigenous people of America used 'Journey Sticks' as maps to show the route of a journey. Try and visit four areas of the garden that have significantly different types of habitats. At each area attach one or two things to the stick using the elastic bands.

Where can we do it?

All around the garden. Here are a few suggestions: the Dry Garden, the North Meadow, the Woodland Garden, the Lower Pond.

When can we do it?

Any time of the year.



Remember...

- Collect only from the ground. If it's still on a plant then the plant still needs it!
- Are the plants different in each different area of the garden?
- Can you guess where other groups went on their journey just by looking at their journey sticks?

School follow up...

Find out more about the indigenous people of America.