



Over the summer we want you to immerse yourself in some subject related tasks that will get you ready for your new course in **Environmental Studies and Conservation**.

The below activities have been designed to keep you up to date with latest developments in **Environmental Studies and Conservation** and come to college in September with some ideas and information to share with your new classmates and lecturers.

We do not require that you produce much physical work but we encourage you to keep some notes, perhaps a diary and where relevant take some photographs on your phone as a way of retaining what you have learnt.

Date to be completed	Task	How long to spend on it?
Week Commencing 28/06/21	On Facebook locate the group “ <b>Plumpton Environmental Studies Group 2021</b> ”.Request to join. Feel free to post one question about the course and I will put an answer (if I can!) for all to see.	15 mins and 5 mins later for answers
Week Commencing 05/07/21	Oak trees are the most biodiverse trees we have in the UK. Have a look at this Youtube clip <a href="https://youtu.be/zdKYWiVy9FY">https://youtu.be/zdKYWiVy9FY</a> . Find a fact relating to this (or not!) and post to the Facebook group	20 mins
Week Commencing 12/07/21	Bioblitzing is when all the animals and plant species in a set area are recorded. Find a small area, perhaps in your garden or a green area close to you and, respecting social distancing, record all the animals, birds and plants you can see or hear or find during a 1-hour period. Remember to wash hands and any equipment afterwards.  Upload a picture of your best find to the Facebook group and say why you chose this item.	One hour
Week Commencing 26/07/21	Being able to identify tree species is a useful skill in conservation. This website gives you some clues on how to do this as well as some ID hints. See if you can find a UK native tree locally. Post its picture to the Facebook group along with its common and its scientific name.  <a href="http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-to-identify-trees/">www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-to-identify-trees/</a>	20 mins
Week Commencing 09/08/21	There are lots of ways that people protect and care for the environment. Find out where your nearest nature reserve is and post a picture of it to Facebook. Tell us	20 -30 mins

	what is at this nature reserve that makes people most proud of the area.	
Week Commencing 23/08/21	Take a look at the <b>Marla Spivak TED Talk: Why bees are disappearing:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY7iATJVCso">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY7iATJVCso</a> Identify one thing that we could do to turn the tide	20 mins
30/08/21	Prepare for college – What equipment do you need? How will you get here – bus, car-route? Food and drink? How will you take notes? Is your computer 'study ready'? (note, we will provide software, you just need to provide hardware that can be charged, connect to the internet and be capable of creating/saving documents)	

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