

SOIL

You can use this Activity Sheet as part of a Nature Journal. Write in the space provided, or cut and paste the questions into your workbook.

Choose a place outdoors or at Walka Water Works where you can spend some time to write down your observations. This can be done individually or as part of a group.

Date: _____

Time (of day): _____

What season is it? _____

How much time did you spend here doing your activity sheet? _____

Is it sunny or cloudy? _____

Has there been any rain? _____

Is there any wind? _____

What's the temperature? _____

Feel a handful of soil (wet and dry):

If it is gritty and you can see little grains and if it falls easily through your fingers, write down that you think it is sand.

If it is hard and smooth when wet and holds together in a clump after you squeeze a handful of it, write down it is clay.

If it is dark in colour and has lots of different bits of plant matter in it, write down it is loam.

It may be a combination of one or more types, e.g. a sandy-loam.

Is there a layer of leaf litter?

How thick?

