

SELF-GUIDED Field Trip Lessons at The Battery

All lessons include activities to prepare your class for their visit to The Battery, as well as follow-up activities to connect your visit to work back in the classroom. Once your Self-Guided Field Trip slot is reserved you will receive materials including a map to use during your visit.

PreK – 3rd

Seasons in The Battery Spring, summer or fall explore Battery Urban Farm and The Battery Perennial Gardens looking for signs of the seasons. Your exploration will be guided by a scavenger hunt with detailed images of different signs of the season throughout The Battery. Find spring bulbs emerging from the soil, watch bees pollinator summer tomatoes, and identify animal's fall nests built in preparation for winter. Map and scavenger hunt provided specific to the season.

3rd – 5th

Plant Parts for Lunch Explore Battery Urban Farm looking for everything from the roots that go on your salad to seeds you enjoy at snack time. Identify these different plant parts that you eat and use your observations to inspire your own menu creations.

6th – 8th

Food Miles Food isn't grown in a grocery store, so how does it get there? Use provided materials to track the trip your breakfast made to your dining table. How does this compare to the local foods you see growing at Battery Urban Farm? Use this trip as a jumping off point to better understand the food systems at work in NYC.

9th – 12th

Green Space Study What role does green space play in the urban environment? Determine what green spaces you have access to as well as other communities throughout NYC. Design and conduct a survey throughout the park to determine what draws people to visit the battery. What do you value about green space?

Ecological Succession Walk through and explore the Forest Farm at Battery Urban Farm as a lens to view how Manhattan could have looked hundreds of years ago. Understand how ecological communities change over time. Compare a forest ecosystem to a farm ecosystem and how the plant and animal life differ.