



# High Weald Hero Activity Card

## The Un-Nature Trail



**Equipment:** 10 - 15 small man-made items e.g. plastic toy, mirror, cutlery, coat hanger, ball etc.

**Location:** An outdoor space - preferably where there are lots of plants and trees.

**Audience:** KS 1 & 2

**Time:** 20 minutes

### A fun observational game - great as a warm up to other investigative activities

**Activity Description:** Prior to the activity, place the 'un-natural' objects along a short route. Make sure that some of the objects are easy to see and others are more difficult. Place them at different heights and distances away from the path.

Gather the children at the start of the route and discuss the difference between natural and man-made objects. Explain that they are looking for objects that don't naturally occur in the outdoor environment that you are in. The children will need to follow the route whilst silently counting how many unusual objects that they can spot. Set the children off at 30 second intervals to allow them to look and count the objects by themselves.

Now ask the children to walk the route a second (or even a third) time and see how many objects they can count by looking again - encourage them to look high and low, not just at eye level.

How many more objects did the children spot on their second/third visit? Have they now found them all? Talk about the items that were hardest to find. You could even take the group along the route and point out where all the objects are placed. Discuss how important it is to look carefully at the world around us so you don't miss fascinating plants and animals.



**High Weald Teaching Point:** From the Stone Age to the Saxons and from the Romans to the Tudors, the High Weald's countryside has been shaped by all who have lived here before us, with many reminders of their activity blending into the landscape e.g. ponds, charcoal pits and woodland banks. The High Weald is continually influenced by the people that live, work and visit this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Wildlife conservation in the High Weald is dependent on protecting some of the traditional interactions between people and nature.



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