

Water Travel Scavenger Hunt

Where does the rain go after it falls from the clouds?

Water is constantly moving. When it rains where does all that water go? Sometimes rain falls and ends up in a stream or pond. Sometimes rain falls on the ground and is used by plants or soaks into the ground and becomes groundwater.

Items Needed:

- Writing utensil, markers, crayons, etc.
- Paper

Key topic: Water cycle, Climate and weather, Recharge, Runoff

Grade level: 2-5

Duration: 30-50 Minutes

Objective: Discover the path rain takes.

Activity Steps:

1. Walk around your home, school, or neighborhood to find places water might travel.
2. Create your own list or use the Water Travel Check List provided to help identify water's path.
3. After you have found places water could go, make a map of the journey water might take starting from falling from a cloud.
4. (Optional) Do this on a rainy day. Follow a rain drop, two or two hundred.
5. Complete the scavenger hunt below
6. Draw a map of the rain drops journey.

Learn more: groundwater.org



Water Travel Checklist

**Check all of the places you see the drops going.
Write out more places not listed here.**

- ☐ Falls on the roof and down the gutters
- ☐ Runs into the street
- ☐ Soaks into the ground
- ☐ Drains down the storm sewer
- ☐ Hits the top of an umbrella
- ☐ Flows to a nearby stream
- ☐ Waters the garden
- ☐ Filters to roots for use by a plant
- ☐ Falls in a bird bath
- ☐ Drank by an animal
- ☐ Stored in a pond/lake
- ☐ Collects in a rain barrel



Example Map of the Rain Drop Journey



Draw Your Own Map of the Rain Drop Journey