

# The Heath Beneath our Feet

Studying the geology of the Heath can open the secrets to this varied and historic landscape. The different types of soil which occur at the surface of the Heath influence the plant life and the water bodies found here.

The Heath Beneath our Feet explores the soils of the Heath and how they were formed.

The Heath is a great place to explore geological themes. A short walk can take learners from impermeable London clay to the sandier permeable soils of the higher slopes around Parliament Hill. Learners can also discover what happens when layers of different soils meet, causing water springs. These give rise to secret London rivers such as the Fleet and the Brent, which both have their sources on the Heath, evident from our chains of ponds.

The Heath Education team engage all learners through games, hands-on experiments and exercises to gain an understanding of the characteristics of rocks and soils.

The Heath Beneath our Feet informs the Rocks and Soils Science Scheme of Work and can also be adapted for Key Stage 3 Geology.

Our safe systems of work and levels of supervision ensure that teachers can relax and enjoy the session whilst their students learn safely in the outdoors.

