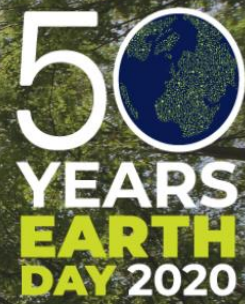


# PARKS

*Earth Day 2020  
Menu of Engagement*



Parks provide safe, accessible spaces for people of all ages to learn about and explore natural areas. Parks offer green spaces and are essential access points of nature for urban and suburban areas. Parks can host public events where discussion and activities to help communities understand environmental issues. For **Earth Day's 50th Anniversary**, use your park to engage your community in fun, educational and impactful learning opportunities!

## 2020 Program Engagement

### Global Teach-In

The first Earth Day was a nationwide [teach-in](#) for communities to learn about and discuss local environmental issues. Host an event on a 2020 campaign or Earth Challenge topic;

- Biodiversity loss
- Plastic Pollution
- Food Waste
- Food Security
- Insect Population
- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Local climate change impacts
- Show environmental documentaries and provide a panel discussion or Q&A
- Host a speaker series or outdoor town-hall community discussion

### Artists for the Earth

[Art](#) is a powerful tool to communicate messages, trigger emotions and inspire action! Invite your community to participate in one of these activities;

- Host an interactive art exhibit
- Paint a mural in the park
- Plan an eco-fashion show
- Host arts and crafts events with recycled materials
- Host art demonstrations using natural dyes and sustainable materials
- Plan and perform a children's play on environmental topics

**Register your event at [EarthDay.org](#)**



## Food and Climate

Only one thing can make communities coming together to learn even more enticing...[FOOD](#)! Host an event to bring people together to learn about the environmental impacts of the food system and learn about delicious plant-based alternatives.

- Plant a community garden
- Host a plant-based picnic luncheon
- Hold a composting workshop
- Provide composting bins
- Host a plant-based food truck festival
- Hold a container vegetable gardening workshop

## Protect Our Species

The most recent UN report reported [numerous species](#) face extinction from human development and climate change. Use your park space to help people connect with local species and activate a movement to protect them!

- Host a birdhouse building workshop
- Plant a native plant species garden or wildlife friendly habitat area
- Designate no-mow zones to encourage natural habitat
- Install insect hotels
- Host outdoor movie screenings of animal documentaries
- Invite a beekeeper to Teach-In about the importance of pollinators

## Plastic Pollution

[Plastics](#) are a huge part of our daily lives, and unfortunately can find their way into our community parks. Parks can participate in the [Great Global Cleanup](#) by hosting events and working to reduce pollution!

- Host an event for the Great Global Cleanup
- Provide adequate amounts of recycling bins
- Create posters that educate the community on which materials are recyclable
- Install bottle refill stations
- Invite a speaker to Teach-in about plastic pollution

## Earth Challenge 2020

Citizen science is an amazing way for global citizens to contribute to valuable scientific research. Parks can support [Earth Challenge](#) by providing community green space to collect data and gain awareness of local environmental trends.

- Serve as an Earth Challenge site, where people can come to collect data
- Help participants with data analysis
- Host community data collection days and events
- Invite local nature centers and other community stakeholders to use your park space for events



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