



Exeter Water Trail

Explore the Exeter Water Trail

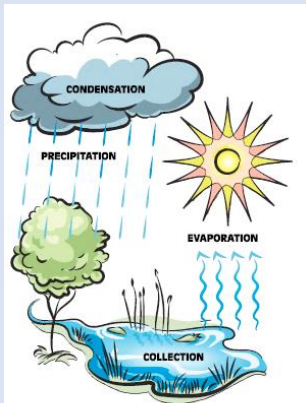
The Exeter Water Trail is an educational installation on the campuses of the Main Street and Lincoln Street Elementary Schools. The Trail consists of a series of five signs located at various landscape features that illustrate concepts relating to water. Topics such as stormwater runoff, water quality, flooding, watersheds and the water cycle are displayed in brightly colored graphic images and narrative explanations.



Learn about water! It's everywhere – above ground and below ground!

Water Trail Activity Sheet

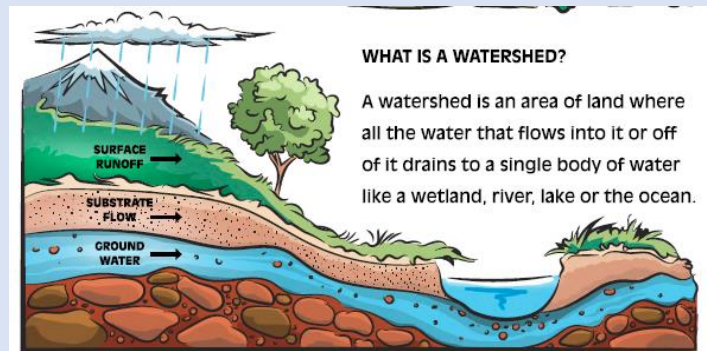
Use the interactive Water Trail Activity Sheet to discover answers to these questions:



WHAT IS THE WATER CYCLE?

The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, describes the movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth.

- What is the water cycle?*
- What is a watershed?*
- Why are wetlands important?*
- What is an urban watershed?*
- What is a "man-made" wetland?*
- How is stormwater managed above and below the ground?*



WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land where all the water that flows into it or off of it drains to a single body of water like a wetland, river, lake or the ocean.

- What is stormwater?*
- Why do we need to manage stormwater?*
- What is porous pavement?*

Download a printable copy of the Water Trail Flyer and Map here www.rpc-nh.org/regional-community-planning/climate-change/exeter-resilience

The Exeter Water Trail is open to the public during non-school hours and weekends.



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WATER TRAIL MAP

Main Street Elementary Schools and Lincoln Street Elementary School

Follow the *rain drop markings* on the pavement and the *way finding markers* along the Nature Trail to view the 5 Water Trail signs.



Explore the Water Trail signs to find out how water works in 5 different ways on the landscape!

1. Watershed and Water Cycle
2. Natural Wooded Wetland
3. Constructed Gravel Wetland
4. Porous Pavement
5. Underground Stormwater Systems