THE TWELVE INCH HIKE

Place a ruler on the ground in a natural area. If you don’t have a ruler, use a twig of equal length. What do you see along this twelve inch “hike?” Move grasses, leaves, or other foliage aside to look beneath the surface. If you have a nature journal, use words or pictures to record what you find. A hand lens will help.

Repeat the twelve inch hike in several locations. Compare and contrast the living and nonliving things that you find.