



Natural Resources Observation

Observation is an important part of any scientific study. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a center for study by scientists. Scientists from all over the world come to Great Smoky Mountains National Park to study the biodiversity of the park. Unfortunately, our love of our park has also brought some negative impacts from human interactions in many forms of pollution, including acid rain. Before completing the activity below, take a moment to learn more about [water quality](#) and [air quality](#) concerns in Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

Directions:

With the assistance of an adult, find an outdoor area near you and fill out both pages of the following form.

Observer Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Observe the area around you. What natural resources do you see? Take notes about your observations.

Which of these resources are renewable? Make a chart from your notes.

RENEWABLE RESOURCES	NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES



Find evidence of human impact on these resources and take notes here:

What can we do to reduce the impact we are making on our natural resources?

