



Suntrap Shared Stories

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I'd take classes to Suntrap monthly. We'd leave the dusty urban area and got closer to nature. As the son of farmworker in rural England through the 1950's I loved the natural order of things and relished the chance to show children the countryside. As it turned out I learnt a lot and used this knowledge in my Open University environment course!

I've wonderful memories of the reactions of children to their experiences...from "Wow!" on seeing a Great Diving Beetle to wails of anguish at losing a Wellie stuck in mud. Not all kids were impressed... but it's one of those experiences they relish later in life. I often meet ex-pupils who wax lyrically about it and how they now understand what it's about!