



FIELD TRIPS NYC Waste Landmarks

[SIMS Municipal Recycling Facility](#) (Sunset Park, Brooklyn)

This facility is the official municipal recycling facility of NYC. The tour boasts a state-of-the-art educational center and tour. There you'll see where all the Metal, Glass, Plastics & Cartons (MGPC) waste from your blue bins go. Also, students get to see the only windmill in NYC! Availability for group visits can be seen on their scheduling page: simsrecycling.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php.

[Freshkills Park](#) (Staten Island)

The now closed landfill that once served NYC is being transitioned into a park. School trips there feature an interactive activities-based curriculum and can accommodate no more than 30 students. Please note for this trip your school would have to provide transportation for students. They usually offer many open dates, but their available slots fill up quickly, so book early. Go to their contact page to request a visit: <http://freshkillspark.org/contact>.

[Big Reuse](#) (Gowanus, Brooklyn)

This is one of the coolest places in Brooklyn and a real reuse success story. Students will get a tour of the space and see just how many random and useful items New Yorkers donate. They are happy to do tours. Call them in advance to schedule one.

Queens Location: queens@bigreuse.org

Brooklyn Location: brooklyn@bigreuse.org

[Sure We Can](#) (Bushwick, Brooklyn)

You've seen the collectors rolling their can-filled carts down the street before. At this facility, you'll get to see the next phase of their collection. Can-collectors here are highly organized, community oriented people who incorporate composting, upcycling and art into their work. They can accommodate groups of no more than 15 students. Call or email them 1-347-463-9257 OR info@surewecan.org to coordinate a visit.

[Lower East Side Ecology Center](#) (LES, Manhattan)

The Lower East Side Ecology Center offers a number of different workshops like the East River Ecology, Biodiversity and Adaptations, and Water Quality. These are facilitated through a mix of discussion, visual guides such as maps, and hands-on activities, as well as appearances from educational animals and aquariums. They offer Private educational workshops; they work on scheduling the workshops and discussing connections between the workshop and in-class material. Workshops are limited to ~30 students to provide the best learning experience possible, and are only offered on Fridays. Additionally, there are a number of public educational workshops throughout the year like the fishing clinics which provide individuals with the opportunity to connect with the East River through recreational catch and release fishing at no cost to them. To learn more about the educational programming email info@lesecolgycenter.org and visit <https://www.lesecologycenter.org/programs/education/>

[Governors Island Teaching Garden](#) (Governors Island)

GrowNYC's Governors Island Teaching Garden is a 21,000-square foot urban farm that aims to engage, excite, and educate its visitors in all aspects of urban farming. NYC students and summer camp can visit the Teaching Garden giving kids the opportunity to plant, water, harvest, and cook the garden's wide array of vegetables, herbs, and fruits. School trips are open to grades K-12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from April 18th through November 9th, 2017. Find out more specifics on scheduling and learn more by visiting <https://www.grownyc.org/gardens/manhattan/governors-island-teaching-garden>. You can also email spost@grownyc.org with specific questions.

[Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and Digester Eggs](#) (Greenpoint, Brooklyn)

See how New York City's wastewater is purified before it enters our waterways when you come to the magnificent facility located in Brooklyn's Greenpoint area. At the Visitor Center students learn about the one billion gallons of water New Yorkers use every day, the thousands of miles of pipes, aqueducts, and water mains, and the responsibilities, through the eyes of our dedicated workforce, to serve New Yorkers. See the digester eggs and learn about biogas. The Visitor Center at Newtown Creek offers education programs for students in grades K-12. If you are a school teacher, youth leader, or other educator and wish to request a custom program or tour for your class, please email the Education Office at educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov. Or call 718-595-5140.