

one picture post is worth a thousand pictures

Take a walk. Bring your digital camera. Take nine pictures from a Picture Post and upload them to the Picture Post website. It is that easy to join the digital photography environmental science community and you will receive more than a thousand photographs in return!



What is a Picture Post?

- a stable, permanent platform to place your camera in the same location outdoors
- located in ecologically important locations
- from which you can easily photograph a complete 360° landscape



What can I do with a Picture Post?

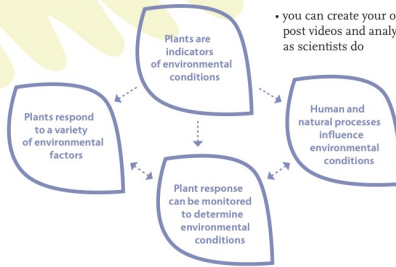
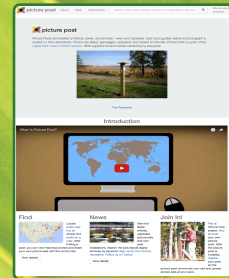
- contribute photographs to any Picture Post
- set up your own Picture Post
- measure environmental change in your neighborhood, park, wetland, or garden
- contribute to science networks

Why should I take pictures at a Picture Post?

- it's fun and easy
- it's a great way to document changes in the landscape—seasonal, annual, and over many years
- long-term records are important for scientific research
- you can create your own picture post videos and analyze pictures as scientists do

What can I do on the website?

- join the Picture Post network—it's easy!
- locate your Picture Post and others on a map
- view and share photographs
- create your own picture post—it's easy!
- check out your favorite posts on My Page
- new features are added regularly



What Can I Monitor?



- **Plants**
 - Type, timing, growth
- **Land Surface**
 - Erosion, development, recovery from disaster
- **Sky**
 - Cloud cover, air quality
- **Ephemeral Pools**
 - Size, timing of wet/dry periods
- **Lakes and Ponds**
 - Water levels, water color, ice, shoreline
- **Rivers and Streams**
 - Water levels, flow, shoreline
- **Climate Impacts**
 - Seasons, flooding, drought, extreme weather events

How Does My Community Benefit?



- Document state of parks, school yards, other community assets
 - What areas are healthy?
- Provide important data for land managers and community decision makers
 - Where can we improve our natural areas?
- Support informed decision making
- Monitor response of community to development, recovery, greening, and sustainability efforts
- Show off your efforts!
 - Get more people involved in sustainable living and appreciation of nature

What Can I Learn?

- **At School:** Observe and interpret changes in schoolyards as outdoor learning projects.
- **At Play:** Enhance environmental education in parks, nature trails, boardwalks, river walks, city walks.
- **In My Neighborhood:** See and measure how nature changes with time and seasons locally.
- **Globally:** Gain a better understanding of the local effects of global climate change.

Tell your Story

