



# BEACH CLEAN

Pick up some  
rubbish knowledge



**OCEAN  
SCHOOL**  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE



All Ages



20 Mins



Outdoors

Let's get some hands-on experience with ocean pollution. With a good pair of gloves and a keen pair of eyes, we can literally gather data from around the world right on the beach. And by data, we mean of course plastic bottles, fishing nets and chocolate wrappers from the 1980s.

**Do**

- Put on gloves and grab some bags or buckets to put the rubbish in.
- Go off and explore the beach, collecting rubbish where you find it.
- Set a time limit, then come back together and put your rubbish in your base.

**Discuss**

- How much rubbish did you find?
- What was the biggest thing you found?
- Was there more rubbish than you expected?
- What was the most common item you found?
- What was the most common material you found?
- What's the weirdest thing you found?

**Prepare**

- Gloves.
- Bags or buckets.
- Hand sanitiser.

Make your beach clean one in a million. Get all the gear you need and sign up to our Million Mile Clean at [beachcleans.org.uk](http://beachcleans.org.uk)

**Learn**

- Which man-made objects end up in the ocean.
- Where they can be found.
- The rough level of pollution on a particular beach.

**Act**

Take lots of pictures as you're cleaning the beach. Get shots of the biggest and weirdest things you find, and share them far and wide using these social hashtags:

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**5000**

pieces of plastic  
pollution are estimated  
to be found on every  
mile of UK beach.

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# GET THE MOST FROM OCEAN SCHOOL

Beach Clean is an Explore activity, all about getting active and investigating critical issues.

For a full Ocean School journey, we'd recommend doing a Connect exercise first, to help you feel closer to the sea and get things off to a chilled start. And then once you've done the Explore task, finishing with a Protect activity to put everything you've learned into action.



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