



O'BRIEN FARM

# FIELD TRIPS

## Grade 3: All About Soils

Name	Description	Location	Duration	Curriculum Connection
Introductions	Staff introductions and safety rules	Outside Thimble Cottage	10 mins	
What is O'Brien Farm?	Students learn who the O'Briens were, and about agriculture in St. John's	Thimble Cottage/ Interpretation Centre (Students are split in two groups, then switch)	25 mins	<b>Place:</b> Students explore the local climate and vegetation and the factors that affect where different people live.
Nature Walk	Students walk through our trails and explore our active farmland. They may even see some goats!	Trails and Farm Plots	45 mins	<b>Soil:</b> Along the walk, staff will collect different kinds of soil for the next activity. <b>Plants:</b> Staff will guide students to different farm plots, where they can see the different plants that are growing, and the different stages of those plants.
Activity	Students and staff take part in an activity related to the things they've learned so far	Kitchen Barn	30 mins	<b>Soil:</b> Staff will conduct a brief soil experiment with soil collected on the nature walk. Staff will explain the different components of each kind of soil, and the different relationships they have with plants and animals. <b>Plants:</b> Staff and students discuss how different types of soils can benefit different kinds of plants.