

Resources for Online Field Trips

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The Virtual Smithsonian: Includes online tours of exhibits in the museums of natural history, American history, and art in Washington.

http://2k.si.edu/2k/node_rotunda/indexe.htm

Jet Propulsion Lab at NASA: Allows participants to choose virtual character and take a trip through an animated museum, mission control, and a robotics lab.

<http://virtualfieldtrip.jpl.nasa.gov/smmk/top/gates>

National Geographic Expeditions Online: Features a database of lesson plans, online activities, and maps tied to the national geographic standards.

www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/

Ball State University Electronic Fieldtrips: Offers live and archived video tours of a variety of topics and destinations, including the Florida Everglades, gray whale migrations from southern California to Mexico, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Includes low-cost Web resources for each lesson.

<http://www.bsu.edu/eft/home/31digest.php>

Colonial Williamsburg: Programs for grades 4-8 with live broadcasts on public television stations and archived video presentations on the Web highlighting people, places, and events throughout history.

www.history.org/trips