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Lesson Seven

How can I learn more about permaculture?

In this lesson you will find:

- A list of permaculture demonstration sites
- Information about a permaculture design course and how to obtain permaculture design apprentice certification
- A list of permaculture websites
- A list of permaculture books and articles

Permaculture demonstration sites

This is a list of communities and locations that are practicing permaculture or incorporating permaculture ethics and principles into their lifestyle.

1.
 - Village Homes in Davis, CA (<http://www.lgc.org/villagehomes/>)
2.
 - Valle Cielo in Santa Fe, NM
3.
 - Riverpearl Farm in Glen Rock, PA
4.
 - Heathcote Community in Freeland, MD
5.
 - Earthaven Ecovillage, Black Mountain, NC

Permaculture design course and certification

The course is offered at Heathcote in two formats, a two-week intensive course in a residential setting or an extended course with home study components interspersed with ten days of class meetings for hands-on work.

Go to <http://www.heathcote.org/> for more information or call Karen Stupski at 410-343-DIRT.

Permaculture websites

1. <http://www.heathcote.org/>
2. <http://www.permaculture.net/>
3. <http://www.permacultureinternational.org/>
4. <http://www.attra.ncat.gov/>
5. <http://www.permaculture.org.uk/>
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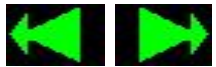
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