

Termite Mould / Ant Hills

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<p>Nature has its own way of doing things. But do we really take notice and protect some of the beauty of nature?</p>	10:07:02:00 - 10:07:10:20
<p>Anthills are made by ants called workers. But first the queen and the king ants locate a suitable place by detecting the right type of soil, and that would be clay soil only.</p>	10:07:11:00 - 10:07:27:15
<p>Availability of food for ants such as cow dung, dead leave and twigs also play an important role. The ants start building a deep hole, and as the building progresses the hill grows in all directions, round on the ground and tall above the ground.</p>	10:07:28:24 - 10:07:50:24
<p>Picture</p>	10:07:51:00 - 10:07:53:24
<p>Anthills can grow up to 6M and above if not disturbed. They take different shape or form as they grow. They mostly bend to the north or the south. This is to avoid heat.</p>	10:07:54:00 - 10:08:11:00
<p>The sub terraincan tunnels can measure up to 100M or more, depending on where they get food.</p>	10:08:11:05 - 10:08:22:24

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The queen ant and her eggs, together with the king, soldiers and workers, stay at the bottom of the hill to avoid the heat.	10:08:23:04 -- 10:08:32:13
Apart from the anthill being the home for ants, it can be useful in different ways; building mud houses. This is so because anthill soil can withstand rain.	10:08:32:14 -- 10:08:48:07
Children do play and make toys from them.	10:08:48:08 -- 10:08:54:00
Picture	10:08:54:01 -- 10:09:04:04
Some part of the soil made only by the queen is used to make traditional drink that tastes like ginger.	10:09:04:05 -- 10:09:11:18
Picture	10:09:11:18 -- 10:09:14:09
Anthills are well known places to get beehive and traditional mushrooms.	10:09:14:10 -- 10:09:20:11
Picture	10:09:20:11 -- 10:09:25:04
Anthills are very important to us, so if you ever come across them, don't break them.	10:09:25:05 -- 10:09:33:14
Picture	10:09:33:15 -- 10:09:40:15