



Field Notes from the Forest

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Under a roadside log, a spotted salamander crawls. Sunlight, filtered through autumn leaves, glimmers on New Hope Creek. Bare winter trees dance with each other. Colorful mushrooms emerge out of dark, wet leaves. Beavers leave marks on fallen trees that read 'work in progress'. A queen snake suns on the bank of the stream...



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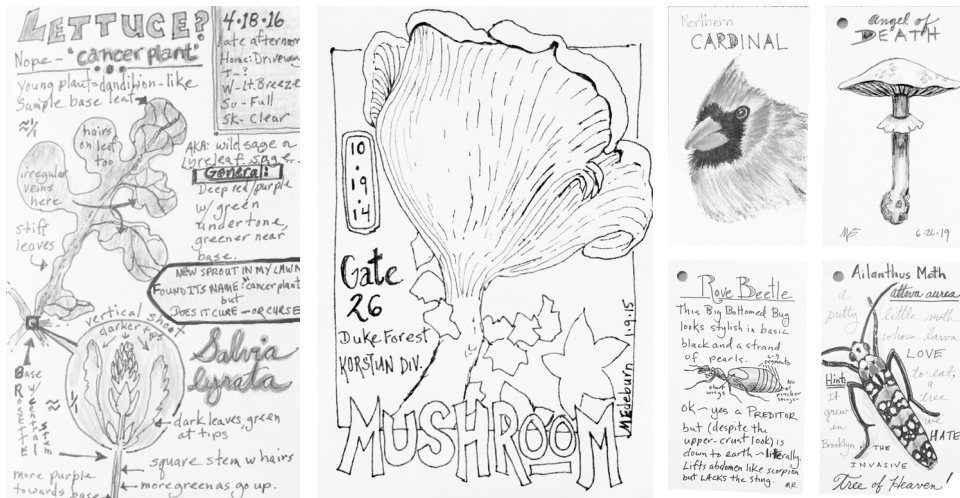
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Take a walk through any division of the Duke Forest. Leave your phone in the car parked along the road—see the pine needles and roots below your feet. Pull the earbuds from your ears—hear the sound of warbling birds. Allow worrying thoughts to recede—smell the green growth around you. Reach out your hand—touch the rough bark on a Loblolly Pine as you pass by. Take a deep breath. Let your mind unwind. Whether through a journal entry, drawing, photograph, or memory, record your field notes and savor your moments immersed in the natural world.



Sketches from volunteer Mary Edeburn's actual field notebook

The photographs in this gallery showcase the Duke Forest Volunteer Photography Corps and the creative energy the volunteers have brought to the Forest since the program's inception in fall 2018. Experience these immersive scenes—their field notes. By looking through the lenses of others, perhaps more of the Forest will be revealed to you, and, perhaps, you too will want to venture out and take your own field notes from the Forest.

Walking Guide



- 1 **Susan Pratt**, From the Ground Up, Shepherd Nature Trail, Durham Division
- 2a **Samantha Dominguez**, Majestic Perception, Durham Division
- 2b **Tom Griffin**, New Hope Moss, Korstian Division
- 3 **Jeff Soo**, Carry On, Fog, Korstian Division
- 4 **Andrea Cobb**, Follow Me, Monarch Butterfly, Durham Division
- 5 **Susan Pratt**, Gnarly!, Gnarled tree stump
- 6 **Karen Lauterbach**, Reflections, New Hope Creek, Korstian Division
- 7 **Mary Edeburn**, Fungi Fire, Shepherd Nature Trail, Durham Division
- 8 **Terry Smith**, [untitled], Cyanide Millipede
- 9 **Jeff Soo**, Through the Redbuds, Wooden Bridge Road, Korstian Division
- 10 **Samantha Dominguez**, Auspicious Flower, Durham Division
- 11 **Randy Bock**, Snow on Stones, New Hope Creek, Korstian Division
- 12 **Susan Pratt**, [untitled], Autumn leaves
- 13 **Samantha Dominguez**, Disguised Environment, Durham Division
- 14 **Randy Bock**, Winter on New Hope Creek, Korstian Division
- 15 **Andrea Cobb**, Sally Love, Spotted Salamander, Durham Division
- 16 **Tom Griffin**, Trail along New Hope Creek, NHC South Trail, Korstian Division
- 17 **Jim Price**, Resurrection Fern, Durham Division
- 18 **Mary Edeburn**, Waiting for Dinner to Arrive, Durham Division
- 19 **Samantha Dominguez**, Ideas of Beauty, Durham Division
- 20 **Andrea Cobb**, Under the White Oak, Durham Division
- 21 **Jim Price**, Sharp, Autumn Olive
- 22 **Tom Griffin**, Female Common Whitetail Dragonfly, Korstian Division
- 23a **Jeff Soo**, Trout Lilies, Korstian Division
- 23b **Mary Edeburn**, Got Gills?, Mushroom, Korstian Division
- 24 **Tom Griffin**, Lichens, Korstian Division
- 25 **Jeff Soo**, Wood and Water, New Hope Creek, Korstian Division
- 26 **Mary Edeburn**, Catchin' Some Rays, Queen Snake, Korstian Division
- 27 **Tom Griffin**, Seed Pod, Korstian Division
- 28 **Jeff Soo**, Busy Beavers, Edeburn Division
- 29 **Randy Bock**, Coming Out, Buckeye, Korstian Division

