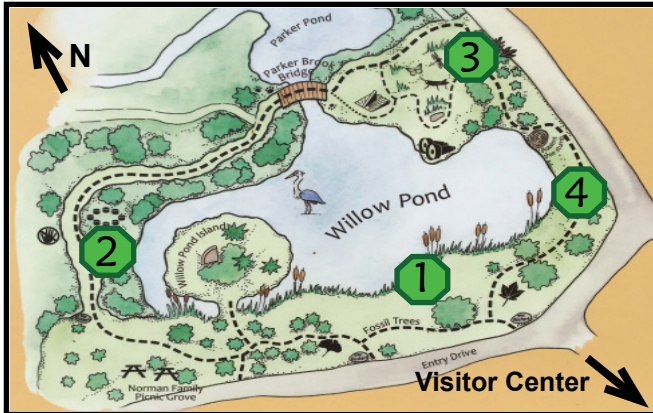


Sue Reichert Discovery Trail Nature Exploration Guide

Use these prompts to guide your own exciting nature adventure!



Sue Reichert Discovery Trail Map

Stop

Activity

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| 1. Black Cherry Tree..... | Act it Out! |
| 2. Story Circle..... | Life of a Tree |
| 3. Bug Meadow..... | Bug Investigator |
| 4. Sycamore Grove..... | Nature Art |

1 Black Cherry Tree

Act it Out!

Look for creatures around Willow Pond, then transform yourself into one! Make the same motions and sounds as the animal you choose. Use the area around the tree to act it out!



Does your creature crawl, run, or fly?

How does your animal communicate?

Where would your creature go to hide?

2 Story Circle

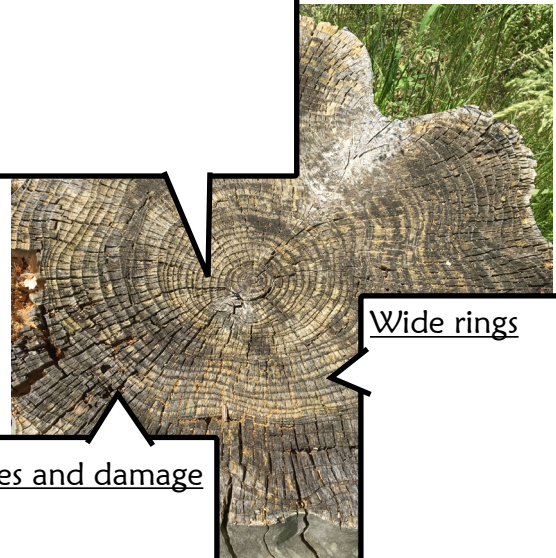


Life of a Tree: Tree rings can tell a story. Thick rings mean the tree got lots of sun and water that year, and thin rings could mean the tree went through a dry season. Draw or write here what you imagine happened to this tree during its lifetime!

Thin, close together rings

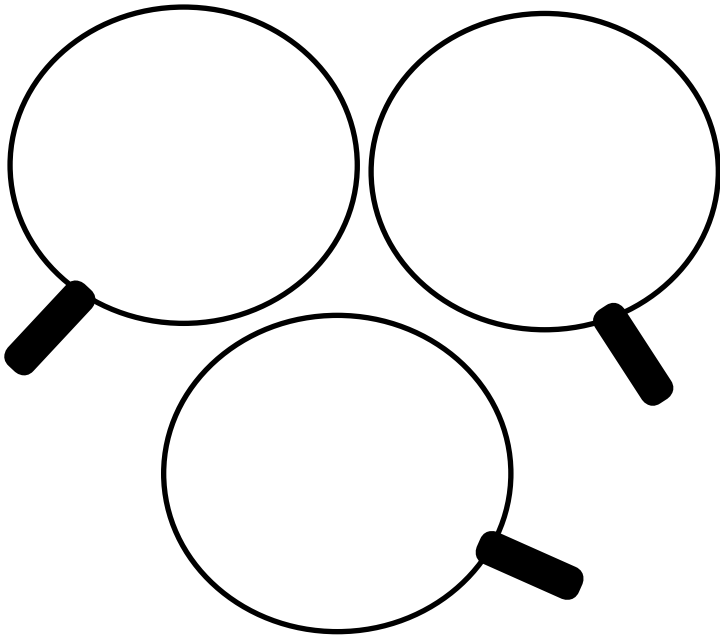
Small holes and damage

Wide rings



3 Bug Meadow

Bug Investigator: Get close to the ground and look into the tall grass. Use your eyes and ears to find bugs and insects like bees, flies, grasshoppers, butterflies, and moths. Sketch the bugs you discover here:



4 Sycamore Grove

Nature Art: Place this sheet against a tree, and use a crayon or pencil to rub over it. Do rubbings of leaves you find on the ground too. If you overlap them, you can make a piece of art! Start your rubbings below:



Nature Activities at Home!

Make a Snack for Bugs!

Combine sugar and water to make an insect treat. Drop a little on a stump, rock, or fence outside, then check it when it starts getting dark out. See what hungry visitors you have drawn in!



Nature Collage! With permission, pick flowers from your yard. Place them on a piece of parchment paper, fold it over, then place in a heavy book. In five days you'll have pressed flowers. If you do a leaf or bark rubbing with crayons and paste pressed plants on the same page, you can make a nature collage!



Blindfolded Nature Walk! Have an adult guide you through a safe area, and experience the sounds and feeling of nature without using your eyes. Listen, feel, and smell your surroundings to figure out where you ended up!

