

OBSERVATION PROMPTS



BEST AGE RANGE

Ages 4–12



SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Clipboard or notebook
- Pencil
- Optional: crayons



TIME NEEDED

10–20 minutes



SHORT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Find a quiet spot on the trail.
- 2 Look, listen, and notice what's around you.
- 3 Use the prompts below to guide your observations.
- 4 Draw or write about what you discover.



TRY THESE OBSERVATION PROMPTS



WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

What sounds can you hear near you? Far away?



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What colors catch your eye? What stands out?



WHAT CAN YOU FEEL?

What textures can you touch or see?



WHAT IS MOVING?

What is the wind, water, or wildlife doing?



WHAT SIGNS OF THE SEASON CAN YOU FIND?

What shows you what season it is right now?



WHAT DID YOU NOTICE?

Draw or write about something you noticed on your hike.

