



WELDON SPRING SITE
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NATURE JOURNALING: WINTER SHADES OF THE PRAIRIE

Journaling is an enjoyable and relaxing way to connect with nature. Though the vibrancy of fall is quickly fading into the landscape, you can still find beauty in winter by creating art that captures the subtle changes in brown tones.

1 **Pick a Spot**

Visit the Weldon Spring Site and spend time in its native plant garden or the Howell Prairie. Find a good spot with numerous plants of varying heights and shapes.

2 **Observe**

Look for landscapes displaying various brown colors in plants and on the ground. Observe the foreground, midground, and background, looking closely for texture and shadows.

3 **Identify different brown shades**

Match the brown tones in your palette with what you see in the landscape. Note how light and darkness intermingle to change the look and feel of your surroundings.

4 **Create**

Paint or color what you see. Can you see more yellow or red in those specific shades? Add different colors to better match the shades you see. For more accents, try adding black and white.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

PAINT (PREFERABLY BROWN)
BRUSHES
COLOR PENCILS
CHALK
PAPER, CANVAS, OR JOURNAL
CLIPBOARD OR EASEL
CHAIR



If you would like to share your art with the Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center, please send a photo to WSinterpretivecenter@lm.doe.gov.



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