

LOOKING AND SEEING:

OBSERVATION IN

100 ACRES



Look, Listen, and Smell

Find a quiet spot to sit and write (or have a group discussion). Take a few minutes to look (and listen and smell) around you, and either write down as many details about this space as you have time to record, or talk about them with other members of your group. Use all of your senses!

Compare the list of what you noticed to what other people noticed. Are your observations the same, or did people notice different things? Do you find yourself looking more carefully and noticing more?

Something's Happening Here

Stop for a moment in any part of the Park and ask yourself a question about the area around you: What's going on in this space? What do you see that makes you say that? What more can you find?

What Do You Have in Your Habitat?

All animals need four basic things in their habitat (the place where they live) in order to survive: food, water, shelter and space. As you walk through the Park, look for an animal and think about what its food, water source, shelter and space would look like. In the box on the left, draw yourself in your habitat; make sure to include all the things you need to survive. In the box on the right, draw the animal in its own habitat.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a person in their habitat.A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing an animal in its habitat.

Now You See It..

We often associate colors with different messages or symbolism. Animals, too, recognize certain colors or patterns as having special meaning. Some animals resemble their surroundings by having specially colored or patterned skin, fur or feathers that helps them blend in and become difficult to see. These kinds of colorations are called camouflage. Some animals are bright and stand out. This can help them attract a mate, sound an alarm to other members of their species, or warn predators to stay away.

Try to figure out which animals are being described below based on their colors, then see if you can find these animals as you're exploring!

Bright red feathers with a black mask

Light brown fur with dappled white spots

Long, thin legs and neck with grayish-blue feathers

Orange and black wings with white spots

Moist, bumpy brown skin

Fluffy white tail

