

Art in Nature

Before you start

Estimated time: **35 minutes**

Estimated distance: **1+ miles**

Age range: **4 and up**

Material: **Your imagination, crayons, paper, a bag to gather your supplies**

Starting point: **Any entrance**

The Black Run Preserve Pledge

I, _____, promise to leave only a biodegradable work of art for others to enjoy. I will not leave trash or damage any living things. I'll stay on marked trails and place my art where others may see it and enjoy it. I'll be courteous with other trail users.

Mission

Let the natural world of the Black Run Preserve inspire us to create beautiful art.

Sit at one of the log circles or find an open space along any trail to create ephemeral art using only natural materials found on site. Make sure not to damage any living thing. Share with the world: post pictures on Instagram and tag #blackrunpreserve.

Nature Mandalas

Gather sticks, leaves, pinecones, choose a flat area and arrange your supplies in a circular fashion. You will be amazed at the variety of textures and colors you'll find.



Bark or leaf rubbing

Press your paper against a tree or object with an interesting texture. Rub a crayon to make the pattern appear on your paper. Tip: press a leaf between your paper and your water bottle or other smooth hard surface before rubbing your crayon, your print will be nice and sharp.



Nature patchwork

Outline a shape with sticks or trace it in the sand. Divide it into sections. Fill each section with a different material or color.



Wood people

Use what you find around you to make little people.

