

Observing Seasonal Changes

Find a spot and observe how it changes through the year.



The pond in spring, summer, fall, and winter

Age: All

Time: 20 minutes per visit

Weather gets cold or warm, it rains or snows; leaves turn brilliant colors and fall; flowers bloom and dry up. So many changes in the gardens at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum as the weeks and months march on! Observe the changes during a year in one place of your choosing.

Here's How:

1. Walk on the paths through the gardens of the Arboretum and **choose a spot** that you will easily find when you return to the Arboretum in a few months.
2. **Observe the environmental features** in your spot:
 - Light.
 - Plants.
 - Colors.
 - Animals.
 - Rocks.
 - Water.
 - Temperature.
3. Jot notes, make sketches, and take photos to **record your observations**.
4. **Visit this very same spot each season for one year.**
 - Jot notes, make sketches, and take photos to record your observations each time you visit.

The Back Story:

Observing a space over the period of a year is good scientific research and study practice as one explores features that change or stay the same over time. It contributes to patience in doing research and appreciation for diversity in different seasons.