

## Rain Painting

Remember your rainy day visit to Lake Wilderness Arboretum with a paint project



**Age:** 4+

**Time:** 30 minutes

Painting at the Arboretum on rainy days can be fun. Bring water-based markers or watercolor pencils and heavy card stock paper with you to create art works reminiscent of impressionistic paintings.

### Here's How:

1. In a dry place or under an umbrella, **color a scene of the Arboretum using water-based markers or watercolor pencils on heavy card stock** (regular computer paper will tear apart when wet).
  - Perhaps you could color the totem pole near the Tribal Life Trail or a tree in the Meadow or flowers in the Perennial Garden.
2. Set your drawing on the ground and **let rain fall on it until it is completely wet**.
  - You may need to use a brush to spread the water across the paper.
3. Pick up the painting and **let it dry**.



### **The Back Story:**

Painting experiences stimulate brains and allow children to express themselves in creative and open-ended ways.

Water will cause the colors to liquify. They will change, blend, run, or become more saturated, or they may appear softer and blurred.

Everything looks different when wet. Colors of objects appear more intense, darker, and shinier. A rainy day is ideal to see the Arboretum with new eyes and for experimenting with color.