

Have Fun - Nature Journal like a (n) ...

Explore different views of nature and the life around you by pretending to be. What mindset would you have? What skills would you develop? What tools would you use? Imagine that you are:

Someone who studies plants (botanist), ferns (pteridologist), mosses (bryologist), lichen (lichenologist)

Someone who studies fungi (mycologist)

Someone who studies **specific types of animals**: Insects (Entomologist), Spiders (Arachnologist), Birds (Ornithologist), Reptiles (Herpetologist), fish (Ichthyologist), marine biologist

Gardener/Farmer - What's being cultivated? Who (you) or what (ants, termites, other) is doing the cultivation?

Ecologist - what's affecting what, what relies on what, what are the population sizes of different species in different areas, the interactions between organisms and their environment and between organisms themselves.

Environmentalist - what's healthy here, and what's not: water, air, rubbish,

Visual artist - how would you create images from your observations? What are the colours that represent the place? The mood of the moment?

Sculptor or **ceramist** – what shapes and forms could be used as inspiration?

Musician - what sounds do you hear? What stories do the sounds tell?

Scientist – what's the evidence? How do I know what I know?

Architect - What's the design of the landscape? How do the parts fit together? How do architects represent information on plans? What structures are created by what beings?

Engineer - nests and holes and structures created by wildlife, how were they built, what materials, what purpose, what is the physics of the stresses and supports, etc.

Mathematician - find the math - fibonacci series anyone?

Geographer - relate the earth's physical characteristics to the distribution & habits of people.

Geologist - what kind of soil? What are the rocks? What is the geological history of the place?

Archaeologist - when did life first start in this place? When did human first arrive? What effects did they have? What remains as evidence?

Traditional Healer - what plants are used for what purposes?

Astronomer - what's in the sky? What can you see in the day? At night?

Detective – what are the mysteries? Unanswered questions

Wordsmith – learn or make up new words.

Writer – what stories are here? How would you write them?

Poet – what poetry can you create from the words you have recorded?

Lawyer – what legal cases do you see? How would you prepare a legal case for the prosecution?