

# Art Ramble: Witnessing Change

## School Programs Sheet

September 1 - November 1, 2019

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### About the Exhibition

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The Umbrella is thrilled to share an opportunity to connect the arts and environment with the 2019 Art Ramble in the Hapgood Wright Town Forest in Concord, MA. This is a group exhibition featuring 15 local artists responding to the theme of witnessing diversity in a climate of change.

### Discussion Questions: Part 1

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What do you see? I see...

What do you notice? I notice....

What do you wonder? I wonder...

What does that remind you of? It reminds me of....

What do you feel? I feel...

### Discussion Questions Part II

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These questions are more focused on the themes explored in the exhibition and invite further inquiry.

- 1) What do you think of when you hear the words *witnessing change*? What does it mean to witness? Who or what witnesses? What is changing?
- 2) How might you connect with the history of the site?

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### Hands-on Activities

Activity 1: Trail Art: One expression of being witness is to make art for others to experience – as you have seen here in this exhibition! Can you make a little trail art for others to experience? Collect some natural materials and create a design/pattern or little sculpture next to or on the side of a trail. If you are interested in seeing more art made from natural materials, make sure to check out artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Activity 2: As you walk through the Hapgood Wright Town Forest, keep your eye out for a tree that “speaks” to you – you might be drawn to the shape or the bark or the leaves. This tree is your Buddy Tree. What stories might this tree tell? Do you see any animal homes in or under the tree? Are there scars or marks on the trunk? What are the tree’s seeds and/or flowers? Think of something you’d like to tell the tree about yourself. Hug the tree. Can you identify the tree? Take a photo or take home a leaf and do some research about this tree. Most importantly, come back and visit – witness the tree’s seasonal changes and growth.

### Visit the Umbrella Community Arts Center

In addition to artist-in-residence programs and public art, the Umbrella offers programs in arts education, performing arts and more. They are available for individuals of all ages in the Fall, Winter, Spring as well as a youth summer camp during July and August. Our classes cover a wide variety of media from pottery to illustration to painting to glass.

### Connect

Learn more about the artists and the work on Instagram for a behind the scenes look at the making of the Art Ramble: @musketaquidae @theumbrellavisualarts @theumbrellaarts

For further information regarding classes or gallery visits go to <https://TheUmbrellaArts.org/Ramble> or email [Jess@theumbrellaarts.org](mailto:Jess@theumbrellaarts.org)

