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CAN YOU FIND?

walk down a country road in midsummer
BRING: PAPER, GRAPHITE & COLORED PENCILS

Take 5 minutes or so to just walk down the road. Cast your gaze about. Notice the different shades of the colors that surround you. Find a place to sit and write a few sentences about what you have observed.

Use your colored pencils to replicate some of the colors you have seen. If you like, pluck 3-5 leaves that demonstrate different shades and draw them below (watch out for poison ivy):

NOW, KEEP WALKING AND OBSERVE
How many tree species can you count in 5 minutes of walking? List them:

Draw two species’ leaves:
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What kind of road are you on? What kind of terrain and habitat does it traverse? How does this area feel?

Can you see any vines in the woods around you? Are they on the ground or climbing trees? Identify them:

Are there features such as grasses, colorful flowers, large boulders, bushes with berries, or other surprising things in the area around you?

How many types of fern can you see, how many types can you identify?