

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

Making Sense Morrison Nature Center

Many opportunities for learning are available at Morrison Nature Center. Be sure to stop at the center or kiosk to pick up a map. For this activity you will need to choose a trail to go on and make note of the trail's name. Depending on the trail your senses will be alerted to different birds, animals, plants, and landscapes. As you walk along, choose a quiet location to stop and use your senses to experience what is going on in the area.

As you walk along, ask the following questions:

- 1. What sounds are you hearing?
- 2. What are you seeing? Different colors, water? Birds, animals, trees?
- 3. What are you smelling? Can you smell dirt? Water?
- 4. What are you feeling? Wind, dry, moisture?

Directions: When you come to a quiet spot, stop. It needs to be quiet, with not many people. For the **first 30 seconds** of the stop, the kid needs to close his/her eyes. Many times, when we are observing, we let our sight take over the other senses. Focus him/her on the other senses. **After the 30 seconds**, open your eyes and use all five senses to take in your surroundings. Now it's time to record with either pictures or words.



The trail we're on is	
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What I heard	What I smelled	What I felt	What I saw

