

A Hike at

BLACKACRE



in the Autumn

by

Our hike started at the Nature
Center.

We began by walking down a trail
and into the woods.

It is autumn. You can tell by looking at some of the plants.

Most of the trees are no longer green. There are beautiful colors and leaves cover the ground.

The sky reminds us that it is
autumn.

We walked past the gully, where
the water has washed away the
soil.

When it rains there is a waterfall
flowing over the rocks, but in
autumn there's not much rain and
not much of a waterfall!

The trail led us back into the woods.

We had to climb over a tree that had fallen over the trail. The roots of the tree pulled up a huge boulder.

We came to a place where we crossed a stream bed. This is a good place for woodland animals to get a drink or find shelter under the rocks.

The water flows around many big rocks when it rains, but by autumn there is usually just a trickle of water.

After we crossed the stream bed,
we walked on through the woods.
The leaves made crunching
sounds under our feet.

The trail spilled us out into the
meadow.

The meadow is filled with tall grass, cedar trees, and old wildflowers that grew over the summer.

When we looked carefully, we could see little trails made by deer and other animals.

Deer come to the meadow to
nibble on fresh grass.

Another stream is in the meadow.
It curves and meanders along.

A little wooden bridge is almost hidden by the tall grass.

We stood on the little bridge and
looked in the water for small
animals.

After we crossed the bridge we
walked through a grove of cedar
trees.

The last part of the trail goes up a very steep hill. We pass by many wildflowers that were once beautiful colors, but now are brown.

We could see the Nature Center
from the bottom of the hill.

There are birds flying over the meadow. The biggest are turkey vultures. The noisy black birds are crows.

We know it is autumn when we
walk the waterfall trail.
Everywhere we look is a sign of
the change from summer to fall.

What will the Waterfall Trail look like in the winter? Here's what we think!