See and Hear . . .

There are many signs of life outside: squirrels’ nests in trees, birds chirping, and of course, animal tracks in the snow!

Look out your window, or bundle up for a walk in your neighborhood or someplace new—check out 30 Winter Walks in Rochester!

James Havens, an artist from Rochester NY, portrayed life and activity in nature that can be easy to miss. One of his prints in MAG’s collection is pictured below (or you can see it on our website).

- Do you see the animals in Havens’ print living in your neighborhood?
- Why do you think Havens titled his artwork A Break?

Create Your Own Winter Wonderland #1

The artist Neil Welliver found painting outdoors rewarding, even in the winter. He said:

“To paint outside in the winter is painful. It hurts your hands, it hurts your feet, it hurts your ears. Painting is difficult. The paint is rigid, it's stiff, it doesn't move easily. But sometimes there are things you want and that's the only way you get them.”

Print this page and add wildlife (animal tracks, too!) to this winter scene. You may want to give your artwork a new name!

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Create Your Own Winter Wonderland #2

In 1922, the artist Harold Weston painted *Three Trees, Winter*, and wrote:

“I stopped beside a big hemlock tree and reached around the great trunk to feel its vigor, its reality, its life existing essence. My ear, laid against the wet bark, seemed to hear the pulse, the flow of life-creating sap.”

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Create Your Own Winter Wonderland #3

This winter scene is in black and white, but there are many ways natural light affects the colors of nature, including white. Look at the snow when it’s sunny, when it’s cloudy, in the morning and during the day. How would you describe all the different colors of it? “Cotton,” “cauliflower,” “pearl,” or “eggshell,”—how many names for “white” can you come up with?

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