

My

Prairie Ridge

Nature Journal

*Personal Journal version - with
room to write and sketch*



Red-tailed Hawk

Today's Adventure Plan

Date and Time of Visit:

Weather:

First Impressions:

Beginning of the Trail:

See, Hear, Smell, Feel



Birds and Bird Song:



Killdeer



Bird Sketch

Taking in the Big Picture Observations

Long's Peak, Meeker Mountain, and the Front Range



The Hogback:

Along the Trail:

Been Walking a Bit: Looking around and down - what do I see? Looking for: Tracks, Scats, Dens, Feeding Evidence (cracked open seeds, grazed or nibbles plants, bits of fur or guts - looking for guts on perches!)

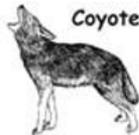
Notes / Sketch



Bobcat



Coyote



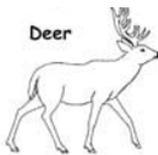
Crow



Vole



Deer

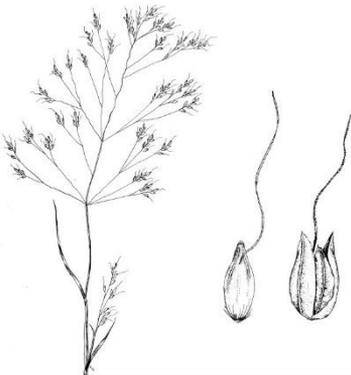


Coming up on the Curvy part of the trail:

Observations:



Rabbitbrush



Indian Ricegrass - found at Prairie Ridge, also present: *Jointed Goatgrass*, *Big Bluestem*, *Wheatgrass*, and *Buffalograss*

Observations of Rocks:

Rocks in the Ridges, Rocks on the trail,

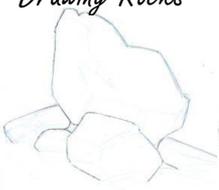


What is growing in, near, on top of rocks....

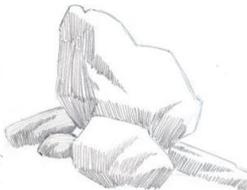
Boulders at the "T" Intersection: Lichen colors come from having different fungi combining with different photosynthetic partners.



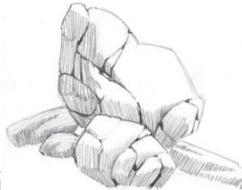
Drawing Rocks



Outline



Shade planes



Add dark cracks



Add shadows

My Lists and Observations:

Wildflower 1 Size:

Petal #: Petal Color:

Leaves:



Wildflower 2 Size:

Petal #: Petal Color:

Leaves:



Plant and flower list for today:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ___ Mountain Mahogany | ___ Rabbitbrush | ___ Yucca |
| ___ Prickly-pear Cactus | ___ Sage | ___ Mullein |
| ___ Skunkbrush Sumac | ___ Ponderosa Pine | ___ Cattail |
| ___ Evening Primrose | ___ | ___ |
| ___ | ___ | ___ |

Wildlife List for Today: (tracks, scat, sounds, sightings)

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ___ Black-tailed prairie dog | ___ Coyote |
| ___ Red fox | ___ Badger |
| ___ Bobcat | ___ Mule deer |
| ___ Chorus frog | ___ Bullsnake |
| ___ Prairie rattlesnake | ___ Turkey vulture |
| ___ Red-tailed hawk | ___ |
| ___ | ___ |



More:

Notes to Self:

Wish I remembered:

For next time:

*This journal was created for the grand opening of Prairie Ridge Natural Area.
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www.cityofloveland.org/openlands*

