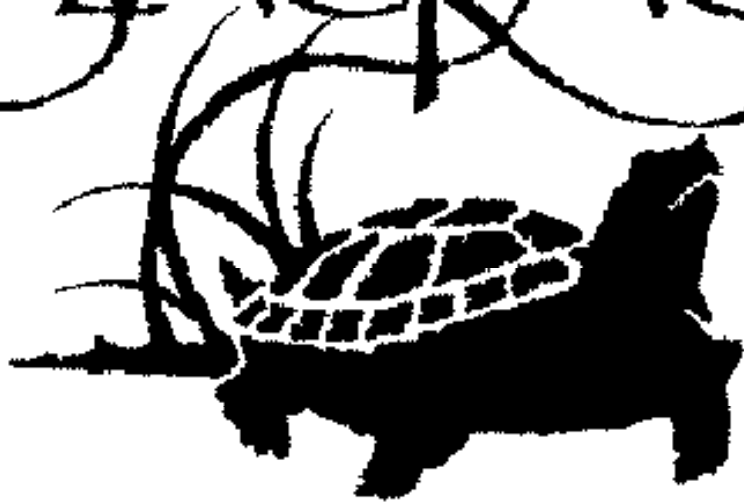


A Hike at

BLACKACRE



in the Late Summer

by

Our hike started at the Nature
Center.

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

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

Some of the plants are getting brown or yellow. They are not bright green like early summer.

The sky reminds us that it is
summer.

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 summer 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.

We came to a place where we
crossed a streambed.

The water flows around many big rocks when it rains, but by late summer it is very dry.

After we crossed the streambed
we walked on through the woods.

The trail spilled us out into the
meadow.

The meadow is filled with tall grass, cedar trees, and wildflowers that have grown up 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 streambed is in the meadow. There are a few muddy spots, but it is mainly dry.

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

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

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.

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

There is a lot of white snake root
and mist flowers.

The Waterfall Trail is filled with plants and animal activity that lets us know it is summer.

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