

**A Hike at**

**BLACKACRE**



**in the Early 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.

There are other ways to tell that summer is here. Many wildflowers are in bloom.

The spring rains and the summer sun have made the plants grow.

The trees are not bare now.  
They are filled with fresh green  
leaves.

The sky reminds us that it is  
summer.

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

The stream curved back and forth  
like a snake moving through the  
woods.

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.

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

The trail spilled us out into the  
meadow.

The meadow was filled with brown grass and dried flowers from last summer, but fresh grass poked up through the old grass.

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

Deer come to the meadow to nibble on fresh grass and drink from the stream.

Another stream was flowing  
through the meadow.

A little wooden bridge kept us  
from getting our feet wet.

We stood on the little bridge and  
looked down into the water.

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

Bee Balm is growing along the trail coming up to the nature center.

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 late summer? Here's what we think!