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This is an interesting plant that I saw on the side of the hiking trail. I took a picture of it because the vibrant yellow color stood out against the brown and red leaves, I thought that the shape of the different flowers was really unique.



This is a turtle that I spotted in the leaves. I zoomed in the camera so that I could stand back enough to give the turtle space. The turtle's legs are a really bright orange and the turtle's shell has an intricate tan and dark green pattern to it.



This is the beautiful view from the top of the mountain. It was amazing to see all of the different colors of fall trees. It was starting to get pretty foggy because this was right before it started to rain.



I took this picture because I thought that it perfectly captured the ideas of the Leave No Trace principles. One of the really important ways that we can keep our natural environment clean is by taking all of our trash with us, which is what the sign is expressing.

Share the intention you expressed pre-adventure. How did it inform your experience?

My intention was to have fun and explore nature without leaving any damage to the natural life and environment. This intention influenced my experience because I made sure that everything I brought with me on the hike, I brought back home, leaving no trash on the trails. I also made sure to give space to the animals (frogs and turtles) that I saw so that I did not disturb or harm them. In addition, I stayed on the marked trails so that I did not step on or damage any of the plants to the side.

Were you able to stick to the plan you made in the Greener challenge? How did it change?

I did stick to my plan in the Greener challenge. I was really glad that I had planned ahead and checked the weather because packing a raincoat helped me stay mostly dry when it started to rain on my way back. Having proper sneakers with grip helped me avoid slipping on the rocks and bringing my reusable water bottle helped me stay hydrated on my hike. I didn't end up needing the snack I packed, so I will save the granola bar for another adventure.

How did the experience make you feel? Has it strengthened your relationship to Earth and out individual and collective responsibility towards the environment?

This experience overall made me feel really peaceful. I went with my family and it was really nice to spend time outside together. I was able to connect with nature by focusing on the different sounds I was hearing and the various parts of nature I was seeing along the hiking trail. This experience did strengthen my relationship to Earth and our responsibility towards the environment because seeing all of the natural life (the animals, plants, trees, ect.) reminded me of exactly why I am fighting to protect our planet. All of the natural life, small and large, must be protected, and in taking action to reduce the impacts of climate change, we are ultimately protecting all wildlife, ourselves, and the planet as a whole.



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Full Caption:

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