

Supplies Needed for Forest Walk

For the walk, you'll want to wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers for the weather. We will be outside for a couple hours. Having a warm beverage handy can be comforting if it's chilly out. Bring a camera (cell phone is fine) for documenting finds, and a cloth bag for collecting specimens. Wax bags and a small notebook and pen are provided.

For our time in the dye studio, bring your favorite apron and gloves. Day 3 is focused on dyeing your own fiber. You'll want to bring animal (protein) fibers in small 1 oz parcels, clean, weighed and labeled with at least your initials. Fiber should be unmordanted, in the form of yarn, bats, hankies, fabric, or finished pieces. We will dye at least 6 of these 1oz parcels per person. Bring more or slightly larger pieces too as there will likely be ample additional dye available.

This day is dedicated to taking a more playful approach which I believe is essential to learning. We will work with larger quantities, observe color variations on different fibers, mordant in the pot, and take home enough mushroom-dyed fiber for a project.

If you'd like to take home leftover dye, bring containers with lids. There will be likely be both small amounts and larger amounts available. Jars and small buckets are usually the best for transporting dyes home.