



Captured by Hand

Sketching Nature & Landscapes Camp

The human soul is deeply connected to nature and for centuries humanity has captured its natural history through art. Develop basic techniques and a better understanding of the planning and execution required to translate what you see through pencil to paper. Develop your sketching skills to record and share what nature offers you through a personal trail journal.

- **Day One (1.5 hrs): Mountains**

- When you think of the Bighorns, snow capped peaks are the first thing to come to mind. Learning to draw mountains is the first step in capturing the magnitude of nature. Campers will determine the position of the horizon line on their page and draw the outline of a mountain range above it. The first day activities will focus on practicing ridgelines, branching and shading.

- **Day Two (1.5 hrs): Trees**

- Trees are organic subjects that have natural, less defined edges and are made up of collections of leaves and branches that extend from the trunk. When sketched, the illusion of these forms are created with small squiggly lines creating a convincing texture. Campers will practice their best Bob Ross making "happy little trees here and there"!

- **Day Three (1.5 hrs): Water**

- Capturing the essence of water in nature requires being able to render objects nearby in the form of reflections, tone, and value. In this class, campers will focus on sketching creeks and lakes learning how to add highlights and lowlights to create reflections, moving water and objects that can be found on the bottom of a creek.

- **Day Four (1.5 hrs): Focal points and Details**

- In any masterpiece, it's the fine details and focal points that draw people in and invoke the emotion that you have created. Focal points of a landscape can be "big picture" or it can zoom in on a particular object or portion of a landscape. Campers will emphasize their focal point by adding the little details and values used to express the comparative relations of tones to each other in shading.

- **Day Five (4 hrs): Clear Creek Trail Journal entries**

- With sketch pads and sharpened pencils in hand we will venture down the trail and try to capture the natural beauty along the way. We will put into practice the techniques we have learned and begin to sketch our way through an adventure.