**Sample Writing Prompts**

You can ask questions at the beginning, throughout, or at the end of the experience. Beginners at using writing might need more framing and a more specific writing prompt. Experienced journal writers may just need time and not much of a prompt.You should tailor questions to the particular location or activity of a given experience, but the three basic components of a prompt are:

* Observation: What phenomena did you observe? (the details of plants, animals, water, soil, land formations, etc.)
* Analysis: What are the implications for the local ecosystem of what you observed?
* Reflection: What do you feel about what you observed?

Other sample prompts:

* As we move through this landscape, watch for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (specific animals, birds, plants, rocks, human interventions).
* What did you observe that particularly stood out to you? Why do you think that is?
* What evidence can you observe that the landscape has changed? (fire, logging, drought, insects, dams, other human influences)
* What communities of plants or animals did you observe?
* What symbiotic relationships did you notice? (mutualistic, communalistic, parasitic)
* What do you observe about plant stratification? What grows close to the ground, what shrubs do you notice, what trees?
* Who could benefit from learning about your experience? What might you say to that person?