



At Cubbon Park, Bangalore

THE NATURE WALK

On 7 September 2024, I conducted a workshop, as part of my training received from 'Art for Conservation' workshop by Zoo Outreach Organisation, to more than 20 people across different age groups at Cubbon Park, Bangalore. The workshop began with an introduction on the growing importance of using art to communicate the need for conservation, particularly as access to nature in urban spaces is diminishing. Art plays a vital role in communicating the beauty and fragility of the environment, making it an essential tool for raising awareness about conservation.

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The group was taken for a nature walk to observe the local ecology, photograph and to collect objects that inspired them. This hands-on approach allowed the participants to engage more deeply with their surroundings, noticing small details that might otherwise go unnoticed in the fast pace of city life.

Afterward, everyone gathered in circles to explore various drawing techniques. Some participants focused on capturing the way light interacted with leaves, an element they hadn't considered before when drawing from photos. This direct observation helped bring new depth to their artwork.





Others chose to take a more abstract route, exploring shapes and forms without the need for realism. The diversity in artistic approaches emphasized the many ways in which nature can be interpreted and communicated through art.

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