**Nature Journaling Resources for Teachers**

[Project Learning Tree](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Education/PLT/Connecticut-Project-Learning-Tree): Make learning fun with hands-on, student-driven activities, both in the classroom and outdoors. This award-winning interdisciplinary program has a number of journaling activities, including printable sheets for making a Tree Journal. You can have students print out [Adopt a Tree](https://www.plt.org/activity-resources/prek-8-activity-21-adopt-a-tree/) activity sheets and add them directly to their journals. PLT workshops are provided by the DEEP and the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association.

[Introduction to the Nature Journal](https://learninglab.si.edu/files/resource/932072/smithsonian_siyc_fall06.pdf): This lesson plan from the Smithsonian Institute includes discussion questions, activities, and worksheets. Note: the zoo webcam link in this document is out of date. Go instead to <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>

[How to Teach Nature Journaling](https://johnmuirlaws.com/teach-nature-journaling-video-workshop/): This 90-minute video workshop by John Muir Laws is a great resource for understanding how journaling can improve critical thinking, investigation skills, and visual literacy. He discusses how to approach nature journaling with NGSS applications, and provides valuable tips for how to give your students a toolbox with which they can explore the world and make sense their experiences.