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Eye in the Sky

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A different view on a short walk

I only had time for a short walk this morning. I drifted through our local woodland, thinking about blogging again! What new perspective could I bring to a simple woodland walk? Something not already covered in one way or another at some point in the last 26 days. Of course, 'perspective' was the key word. When you walk through a wood it can be very easy to spend your time looking at the ground, watching where you put your feet but actually much of the key stuff is going on in exactly the opposite direction. At first I thought I might write about photosynthesis, that magical process which starts all life in the wood. There is, however, more magic in the view into the canopy.

When I used to run a local Watch group one of the favourite activities was 'Eye in the Sky'. The youngsters were provided with a mirror tile glued to a larger matt black background, they had to imagine that they had an eye on top of their head. The board and tile was held at chest level and they had to look down at it, actually seeing the canopy above them as though it was below them. The background meant that they could not see the path and just got lost in the view.



etc. The whole session touched with elements of the magic of the natural world. I remember those activities very fondly. 25 years on I occasionally meet those children or their parents; they still remember!

I won't be blogging tomorrow: The Wildlife Trusts' 30DaysWild campaign has suggested that all us 'bloggers' have a totally tech / screen free day and just concentrate on the Natural World for just one day. It's going to be tough, no 'phone, camera, iPad or come to think of it I suppose no T.V. ... Oh Noooooo!

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