Hidden in Plain Sight: A 36-Day Quest to Discover the Daily Miracle of Nature’s Quiet Moments

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Taking inspiration from Jim Brandenburg’s *Chased by the Light* project, I set out to make one photograph per day - one click of the shutter for 36 days beginning October 1 with one roll of film at a local nature trail.

There would be no second chance and no instant feedback that I had become so reliant upon with digital technology. It didn’t take long to discover the incredible amount of mystery that would accompany me on this journey.

With this project, I hoped to go deeper - beyond the predictable and aesthetically “pretty” picture to slow down and to serve as a reminder to take a closer look at the natural world and what is hidden in plain sight.
“If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”

-Wayne Dyer
“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.”
- John Muir

Two pines
October 1 9:19 AM
First hints of autumn

October 2  3:50 PM
Work of the sapsucker
Beaver pond

October 8  9:06 AM
A story waiting to be told....

October 9  12:41 PM
“They fall to rise again.”
-Henry David Thoreau
After the rains

October 12  2:22 PM
Face in the forest

October 13  12:52 PM
Moss and mushrooms
Morning stillness

October 15 7:50 AM
“To learn something new, take the path you took yesterday.”
-John Burroughs

Winding path
October 16  2:03 PM
Future of the forests

October 17  10:18 AM
Afternoon shadows

October 18  1:45 PM
“Sometimes you can tell a large story with a tiny subject.”
- Eliot Porter

Two ferns
October 19  1:45 PM
Thinking of a friend....

October 20  8:41 AM
Deer at sunrise

October 22  8:00 AM
Pine skeletons

October 23  8:07 AM
Quiet pond

October 25  1:39 PM
First frost

October 27  8:10 AM
Fall leaves and pine

October 28  8:17 AM
Backlit leaves
Blue sky day

October 31  2:12 PM
Nature’s chaos
“Anyone can love a rose, but it takes a lot to love a leaf. It’s ordinary to love the beautiful, but it’s beautiful to love the ordinary.”

-Unknown

Last leaf, last day
November 5  9:46 AM
“The lure of the distant and the difficult is deceptive. The great opportunity is where you are.”

-John Burroughs