

Nature is beauty and elegance in its purest form. I have long had an appreciation for nature and its stunning intricacies. Not only does it provide us breathtaking sights to see, but also delicious food to eat, and delightful scents and sounds to experience. Lately, nature has begun to play a more prominent role in my life, as well as for many others around the world. With the onset of the pandemic, I feel as though we were given an opportunity to reconnect with nature's glorious and scenic displays. As traditional amusement changes because of the pandemic, the joy of nature has remained ever available and ever beautiful. During this pandemic, nature has become the setting for several expeditions with my family and friends. Additionally, with a newfound appreciation for its serenity, nature has provided me with a productive place for contemplation and relaxation.

This past year has proved to be quite challenging for families and friends, as well as for businesses and customers. In various ways, everyone across the world is experiencing major changes in their conventional lifestyles. As a result of the virus, I have found that many of my regular choices for entertainment are no longer the safest. In the wide world of nature, however, a variety of adventures always await us. Recently, I went on a marvelous trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Amidst the climax of the pandemic, it was a surreal experience to hike in the open fresh air, far away from the crowds and the impacts of the virus. Quite soon into our journey, I found nature to be more delightful than anything I could do back in the city. Whether it be trekking through vibrant gardens and majestic mountains, or taking blissful strolls by river valleys and waterfalls, nature is remarkably relaxing and beneficial.

It was during this time that I developed a love for nature's authenticity and tranquility, which has allowed me to be more mindful and reflective. Nothing is more calming than the soft and orderly natural environment. Like a harmonious orchestra, the birds chirp and the leaves crunch, while the river flows and the waterfall churns. The trees sway while the winds gust, and every now and then a silence will fill the air. Sometimes we would stop for a moment while walking through the forest, and that sound of silence you experience is not something you can find in the cities or suburbs. During those moments you can observe nature's subtle touch, and take in its soothing energy.

No matter where or when you live, nature's beauty can be perceived. Throughout all of human history, societies and individuals have innovated and adapted, but nature remains indifferent. Although standard ways of working and having fun are subject to change, nature has always been here for us, and it always will be.