

Forest as a place of relaxation

How do we apply it in forest coaching?

- \rightarrow We start with a mindfulness exercise.
- \rightarrow We take a leisurely walk through the forest.
- \rightarrow We use forest roads, paths, and trails.
- → We observe trees, plants, leaves, roots and much more in the forest.
- → We open our senses to perceive nature and ourselves more intensively.
- → We linger at special locations where you perceive forest pictures corresponding to your concern.
- → We look at these forest pictures, that I explain to you from a forestry point of view.
- \rightarrow We form with such metaphors bridges to your concern.
- → We discuss, go into ourselves, do mindfulness exercises and exercises in small groups, draw, or learn an action approach.
- → Everyone is free to participate in what they want. I don't let people hug trees or feel the ground. It is therefore not a forest bathing event in the narrower sense.

More in-depth information on forest bathing in the narrower sense

- → <u>TED-Talk</u>, by Yoshifumi Miyazaki, 2013, Tokyo (11 min, in English)
- → Shinrin-yoku the Japanese Way of Forest Bathing for Health and Relaxation,
 Yoshifumi Miyazaki, 2018, Aster, Octopus Publishing Group Ltd, London.
- → The Hiking Therapy Waldbaden Wanderungen zu Kraftorten im Kanton Bern, by Robert Gallmann and Prof. em. Yoshifumi Miyazaki, 2022, Weber Verlag Thun. (The Hiking Therapy – Forest Bathing – Hikes to places of power in the Cantone of Bern)

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