

## A Summer of Inspiration: Nature and Creativity

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As a writer and a teacher I am always looking for ways to inspire my creativity. This summer I have committed to a practice of getting out in nature. I will be visiting national parks, state parks and doing some cabin stays. The goal is to incorporate the sounds and sights of nature as I seek times of solitude, stillness and quiet as keys to my inspiration. The first such trip this summer was to The Getaway two hours north of Atlanta, with a stop by Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forest. The video below shares my experience. My hope and prayer is that you might be inspired to find the practice of being in nature, solitude, stillness and silence as a means to fuel your creativity as a teaching professor.

Photo 1: CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST @RALPH BASUI WATKINS

Photo 2: THE GETAWAY @RALPH BASUI WATKINS

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