

## RECALIBRATE THROUGH NATURE



# FOREST BATHING MINDFULNESS WALK

Forest bathing, or Shinrin-yoku, is a Japanese practice of immersing oneself in nature, particularly in forested environments, to engage with the sights, sounds, and smells around you.

The activity involves a slow, mindful walk through the forest, where participants focus on the sensory experience of the natural world. This could include feeling the texture of tree bark, listening to the rustling leaves, breathing in the fresh forest air, and observing the various plants and animals.

The practice fosters a deep sense of presence, helping to disconnect from daily stressors and technology while promoting physical and psychological well-being.

#### **ACTIVITY BENEFITS**

- Lowers levels of cortisol, reduces stress, and improves mood.
- The calming effect of the forest is linked to lower blood pressure and heart rate, contributing to overall well-being.
- Boosts immune function, increases creativity, and promotes mindfulness.
- Trees release phytoncides, compounds that protect them from pests and pathogens. When humans inhale these, they boost the immune system by stimulating the production of natural killer (NK) cells, which help fight infections and tumors, enhancing overall health.



#### **INTERNAL BALANCE**

For individuals, forest bathing offers a powerful reset, slowing the nervous system, enhancing mental clarity, and reconnecting the senses to the present moment.



#### **PRESENCING**

When experienced as a group, these mindful walks foster a shared sense of calm, deepen relational attunement, and create the conditions for more open, grounded, and generative dialogue.



### **COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE IN ACTION**

Just as mycelium networks silently connect and nourish entire forest ecosystems, group forest bathing strengthens the unseen bonds between people, enabling deeper connection, communication, and collective insight.

Just as soil health underpins forest vitality, individual well-being underpins team performance.



## TEAM DYNAMICS AND ECOSYSTEMIC COLLABORATION

The forest functions through mutual aid: trees, shared nutrients via mycorrhizal systems. High performing teams mimic this invisible support structure, collaborators sharing resources, knowledge, and emotional intelligence without needing constant visibility.