

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. The trees are thick and vibrant, filling the entire frame. Overlaid on the center of the image is white text. The text is arranged in four lines: 'WELCOME TO' in a small, spaced-out font; 'FOREST' in a large, bold font; 'BATHING' in a very large, bold font; and 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY STARSTUFF MINDFUL LIVING' in a small, spaced-out font.

W E L C O M E T O

# FOREST BATHING

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# WHAT IS FOREST BATHING?

Forest bathing, also known as Shinrin-yoku, is a practice that encourages connection & healing in nature.

Take a step back, breathe deeply, and engage with the sights, sounds, and aromas of the forest.

This mindful experience will boost your wellbeing and alleviate stress, leaving you feeling revitalized and renewed.

Embrace the peace of the natural world and uncover its healing advantages.



The term Shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) was officially introduced in 1982 by Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries.

At the time, Japan was experiencing rapid urbanization and rising stress levels.

The government promoted forest bathing as a public health practice to encourage people to reconnect with nature.

Japanese researchers began studying the physiological effects of spending time in forests.

# BRIEF HISTORY OF FOREST BATHING



By the Early 2000's, Japan established official forest therapy trails and certification programs for guides.

The practice became integrated into preventive healthcare and wellness programs.

By 2012, Shinrin-yoku gained popularity worldwide as research on nature-based wellness expanded.

Today, Shinrin-yoku is widely recognized as a science-supported, accessible form of stress reduction.

It's used in wellness retreats, mental health programs, and preventive medicine.

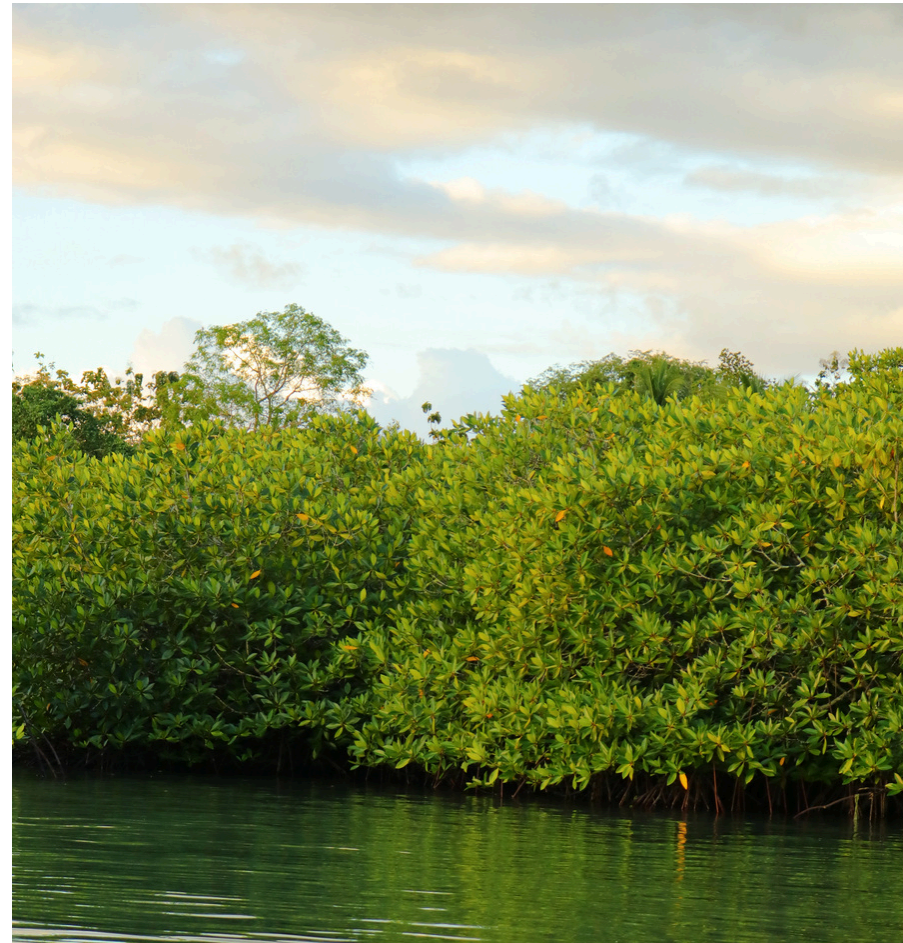
# THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE FOREST

## THE BENEFITS OF FOREST BATHING

- Reduced Stress Levels - Lowers cortisol levels
- Enhanced Immune Function - Increases natural killer cell activity, boosting the immune system
- Improved Mental Clarity - Enhances focus and mental clarity, help reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression
- Helps lower blood pressure
- Better mood & emotional well-being
- Increased Energy Levels
- Improves sleep quality and helps regulate sleep patterns
- Improves Cardiovascular Health
- Greater Connection to Nature - Fosters a deeper sense of connection to the natural world and cultivates feelings of gratitude.



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**You can forest bathe  
alone or with a group**



# HOW TO EXPERIENCE FOREST BATHING

You can forest bathe just about anywhere-forest bathing is not hiking.

You can forest bathe in an actual forest area such as a national park.

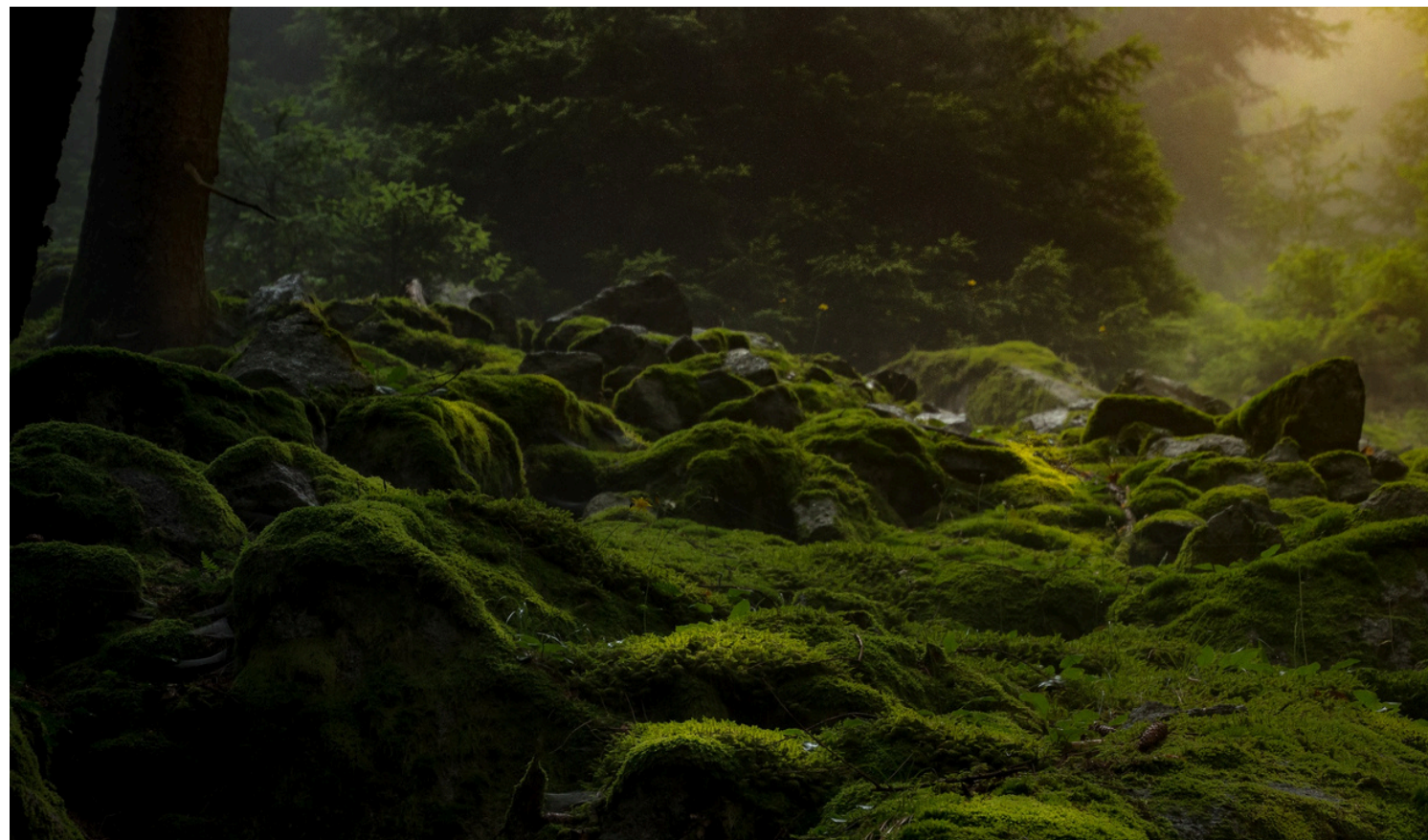
You can forest bathe in a park or community garden.

You can forest bathe by the ocean.

You can forest bathe in your backyard or indoors

# FOREST BATHING OUTSIDE

FOREST BATHING ACTIVITES



- Sitting in silence, listening to the sounds of nature all around.
- Mindful walking or yoga poses.
- Noticing with our eyes the details around us-the sunlight, shadows, colors, textures.
- Feeling gratitude for nature-the trees, plants, air, & water.
- Affirmations, tree strength exercise, & digital detox
- Journaling or making art
- Tea rituals

# FOREST BATHING INSIDE

FOREST BATHING ACTIVITIES INDOORS



- Meditation & sitting in silence.
- Mindful walking or yoga poses.
- Use of essential oils, house plants, & elements from nature such as shells & stones.
- Use of audio nature sounds
- Affirmations & digital detox
- Journaling or making art with materials found in nature.
- Tea rituals





EXPERIENCE FOREST BATHING AND  
REJUVENATE YOUR SPIRIT IN NATURE

**THANK YOU**

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