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Maps of the Imagination: Matthew Jensen

Summit, NJ (June 28, 2017)—Artist Matthew Jensen spent more than a year exploring four northern New Jersey landscapes, including the Passaic River waterway, Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Watchung Reservation, and Gateway National Park, Sandy Hook Unit. His explorations began as walks that resulted in the creation of artwork that integrates photography, sculpture, found materials, and local history. An exhibition of this work, titled Park Wonder is on view at the Art Center through July 23, 2017.

By bringing visual traces of surrounding landscapes into a museum setting, Jensen’s work fosters connections between our natural and cultural resources. As the artist states, "you can pull contemporary art and really magical things out of well-known public spaces." To that end, Jensen created maps for each of the environments he explored, in the hope that others would follow in his footsteps. The Art Center invites you to visit Maps of the Imagination at matthewjensenwalking.com to download a map and take your own walk. Experience the wonder of these landscapes and then send us your thoughts, images, and inspiration. We’ll add them to the blog. Email content to: swalko@artcenternj.org
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