Counting the footbridges

Along the water

Begin at the north gate. Follow the gravel past the bench with a green seat. In the clearing, listen for water moving through the narrow stone channel. The first bridge is easy to miss in the shade.

The second crossing is wider. It carries the path back under the oaks. Notice the posts on the west side, where the painted bands are darkest. Remember the green gate.

Beyond the gate

After the green gate, count the short spans. The boards beneath your boots change direction at the third crossing. A narrow staircase rises to the meadow from the far bank.

Reach the overlook before turning back. There is a clear view of all three crossings when you stand just left of the trail sign.

Field sketch: north gate, two shaded crossings, then the meadow overlook.