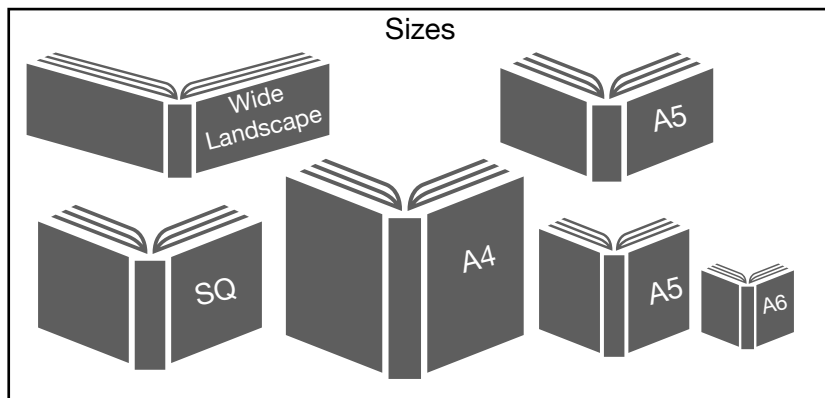# Different types of journals

Sizes

Size. A6, A5, A4, Square, A4 & A3 I would call a sketch book
Orientation. Portrait, landscape, Square.
Types of paper. White, off white, greys, creams, cappuccino.
Weight of paper. Writing, Sketching, ink, watercolour 300g
What's on the paper. Plane, lined, dots, grid, mixed.
Paper edge. Straight, Deckled edge.

What do you put in a journal

Study of multiple subjects
Travel sketches (page per day or location)
Animals, landscapes.

Study of a single subject
Trees, stumps, bugs, Flowers, petals, cars, frogs.

Why sketch in a journal ?

Something to can keep, not to sell.
Memories (Travel journal)
It's quick, compact, mobile (Journal + Pen or pencil)
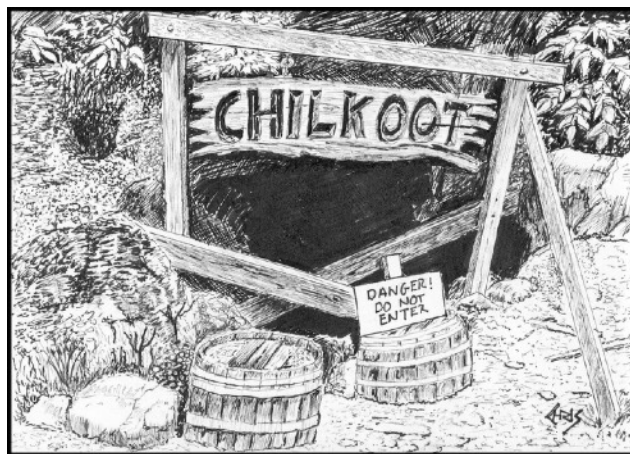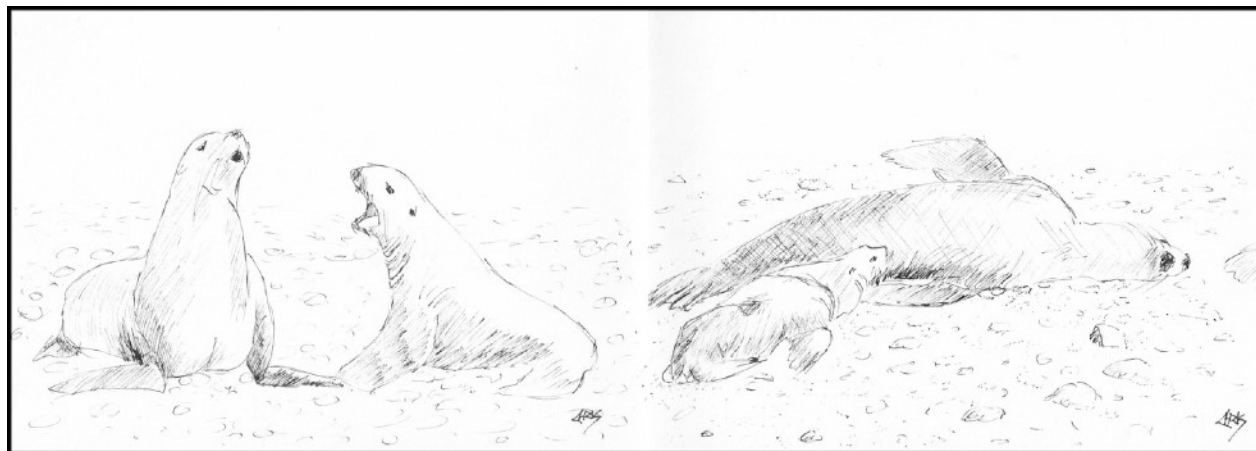Always on hand.
Relax after large painting.

NOTES !
If your worried about the first page then start a few
pages in.
Keep a date index on the back cover.
Name / phone # inside, incase journal gets lost.
Sign every page or double page.

Reference Images

Sometimes you need to change elements in your reference image to create a better sketch.
This could include adding or removing elements entirely.
Even changing the scale of objects and elements to create a better composition or give depth.
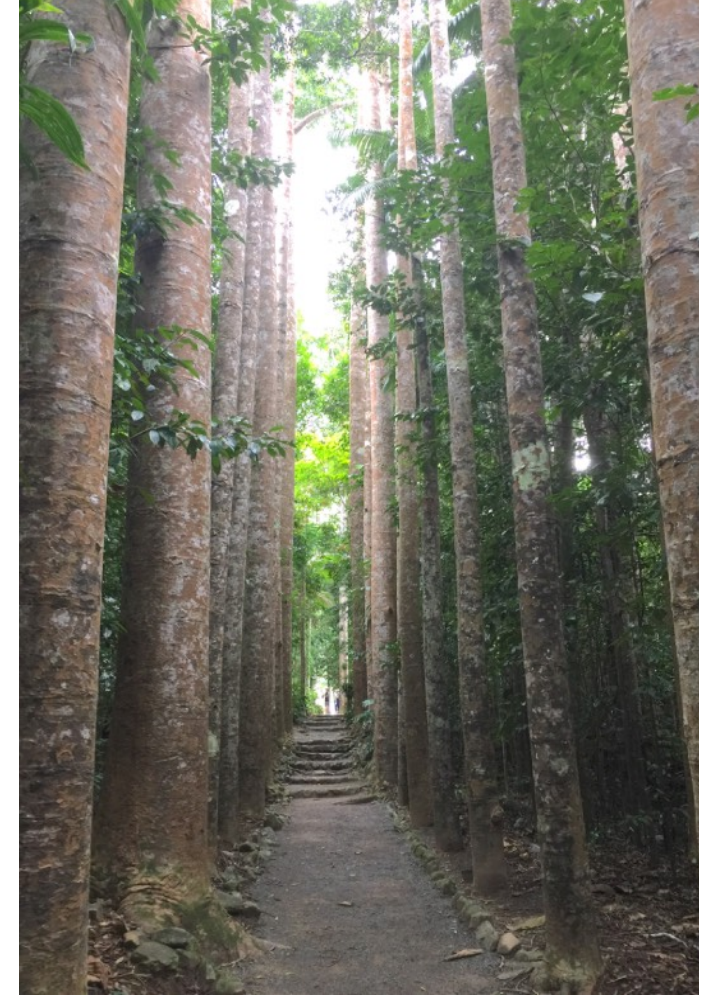**Don't just copy, create your own story. Capture the viewers attention, make them think.**

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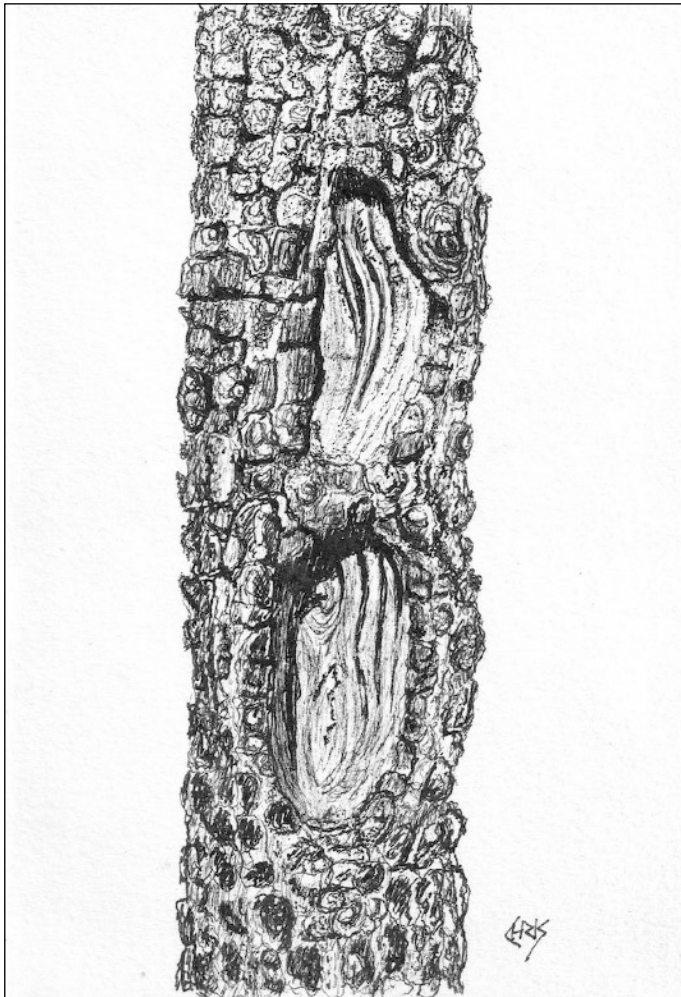2. Bark study only

1. Removed most leaves of background trees for a more fire devastating look.

1. Created a more contrast look between the trees
2. Made people larger to draw
3. Removed the camera warp on foreground trees

Tree & Stump Sketches

1. Totally removed the background
2. Bark study only

1. Removed most leaves of background trees for a more fire devastating look.
2. I used an old pen that was just about dead and it's been one of my best pens for light shading, almost like a pencil

1. Created a more contrast look between the trees
2. Made people larger to draw
3. Removed the camera warp on foreground trees
4. Use perspective on tree bark.