

## **Perimeter Path Reflections March 2020 to August 2021**

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Kendal at Oberlin

### **The Path**

One-mile loop, lockdown  
boundary for outside walks,  
Twice around at dawn.

### **Black and White-1**

Mask on, new signs “Do  
Your Part, Stay 6 Feet Apart,”  
Fresh white stripes on path.

### **Black and White-2**

Still dark, sun not up.  
Masked staff arrive, others leave;  
I wave, say Hello.

### **Night to Day-1**

Streetlamps tinge reeds gold,  
Trees cast silhouettes on pond;  
Stars fade, killdeer calls.

### **Night to Day-2**

Shadows cross the path,  
Milky Way shelters my thoughts;  
Edge of sky lightens.

### **April Sounds**

Distant rooster crows;  
Church bells toll, woodpecker taps;  
Tree frogs greet the dawn.

### **Spring 2020**

Light breeze, lemon sky,  
Snapping turtle lumbers by;  
Warblers stop in trees.

### **Late Spring**

Dew on spiderweb,  
Ducklings hatch, heron fishes;  
Early meadow blooms.

### **Late Summer Sky**

Planets rise and set,  
Constellations disappear.  
Moon wanes in pale sky.

#### **Fall 2020- White Flashes**

Cottontail looks, leaps;  
Lightning breaks over the lake.  
Doe and fawn cross path.

#### **Early Winter**

Watchful hawk in spruce,  
Breaking light dances on ice;  
Sky edged in light peach.

#### **February 2021**

Biting wind from north,  
Swirling snow, deer tracks cross path;  
Toes tingle; teatime!

#### **Late March 2021—Another Year**

Geese skid on pond ice;  
Cardinal on snowy branch,

Sun frees ice-bound leaves.

### **Early April 2021**

Birds seek nesting sites,

Gold-edged clouds hug horizon;

Song sparrow greets dawn.

### **April 2021**

Dead leaves dance in wind,

Treetops show hints of mint green;

Clouds break deep blue sky.

### **June 2021**

Sky edged in rose pink,

Overhead, meteor streaks;

Gold ripples on pond.

### **Late Summer 2021**

Crescent moon in east,

Jupiter and Saturn fade;

Time to hope, plan, dream.