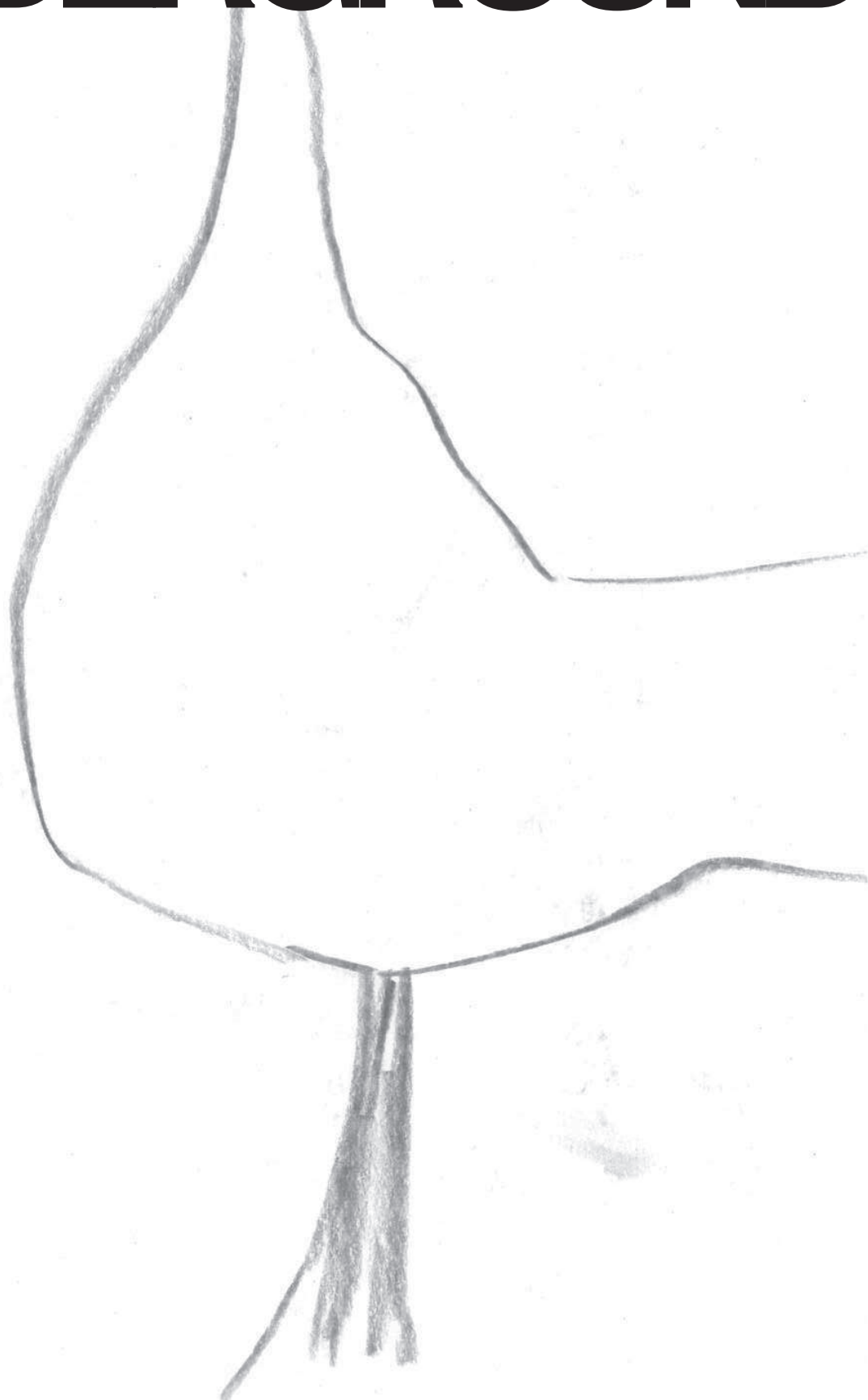


OVERGROUND UNDERGROUND



A Time in Nature walk for Earth week
completed 25th April 2025



“For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver”

Martin Luther

Beginning our journey by the gates of Cannizaro park on the edge of Wimbledon Common, we headed towards the common and took a path roughly north that would take us into the heart of the common.

Initially this path took us through a wooded area where the light broke through the trees creating interesting textures and patterns on the plants and path below and we crossed over a bridal path, the earth trodden by the horses of nearby stables.

A little further on, the trees opened up to reveal wider spaces filled with long grass and flooded with light.





Heading on further, two paths met and merged into one, and the space around us opened up further. Looking ahead of us it was possible to make out the shape of the windmill, that sits in the middle of the common and is a beacon for many visitors.

As we neared the windmill its shape became clearer, and we paused for a moment then walked around its perimeter.

There is a ranger's office and cafe alongside the windmill and people mill around.





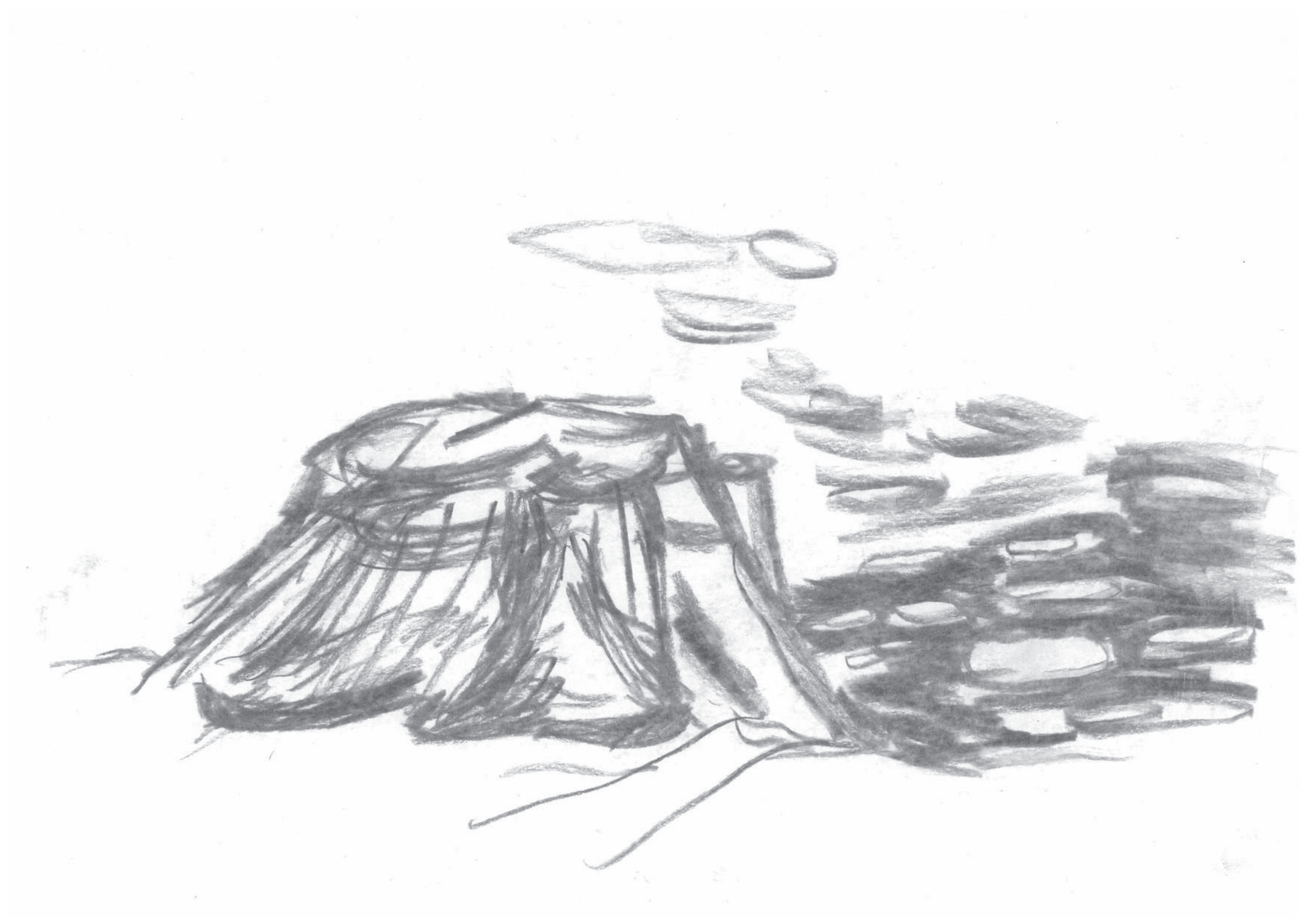
We then headed across from the windmill and took a path that led us downhill and through the trees.

As we made our way down, we reached a large pond, sitting low and sheltered by the surrounding trees, the light was different here as it filtered through the high branches. We walked around the edge of the pond, fenced in as conservation work was going on, and spotted a number of geese and birds around the edge of the pond.



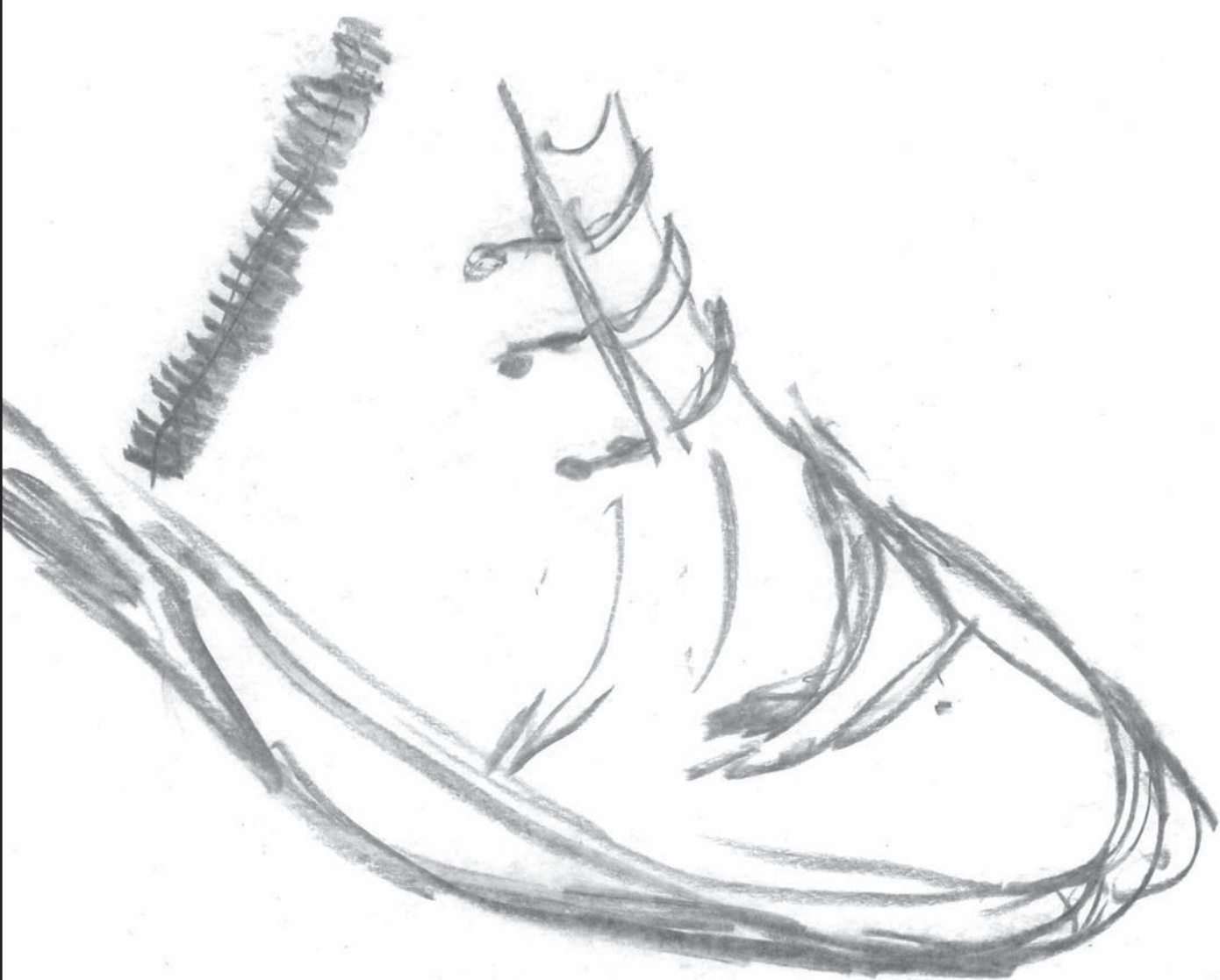
The geese were keen to engage with us, the birds less so.



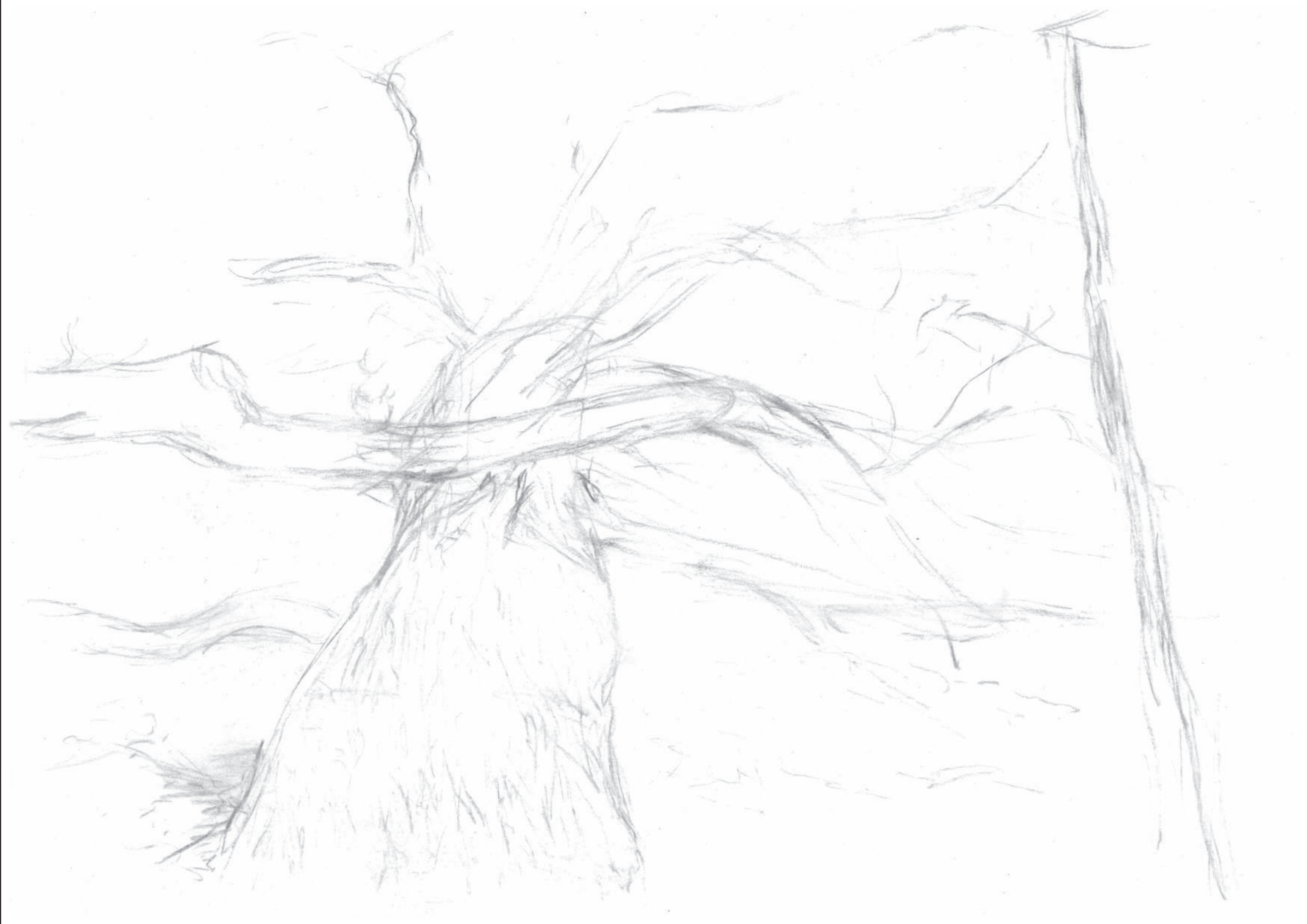








We sat for a while to rest and draw, our view of the pond broken up by the wooden fence. Moving on we headed further round the pond to the far side, where we explored the textures of a felled tree, and branches that were laid across its trunk creating interesting shapes and shadows and a squirrel ventured out onto the tree branch as we drew. Squirrel ventured out onto the tree branch as we drew.





Heading back up the slope we spotted a den hidden amongst the trees and stepped in to explore this space further. It was intriguing to find this almost-hidden den, and its sculptural shapes formed of tree branches.

Taking photographs at the time, this is something we returned to later, to draw.









Once we reached the windmill again, we headed back along the path we had walked earlier, and this time saw different things along the way, spotting another den tucked away in the trees, wondering if we were to explore other paths, we might happen across more.



As we reached the edge of the common again, we headed back along the road and towards a local pub for a rest and much needed refreshments

