**Waste Transformation**

**Mariah Reading, an artist from Maine, saw so much garbage during hikes through national parks that it alarmed her. But it also gave her an idea. She would collect the trash and use it as her canvas. Since 2017, Reading, 28, has painted and photographed discarded cans, crumpled plastic water bottles, even old hubcaps, so that, when held just right, they blend in seamlessly with nature. Instead of cluttering landscapes, the trash has become landscapes. She calls it “breathing new life into forgotten objects.” *(Reader’s Digest, July/August, 2022)***

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