

Molly Was Here

Ross Camp. West Lafayette, Indiana.

Wood, Digital Inkjet Images, LED Lights, PVC Piping, Cardboard.

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Space is not place, but place is comprised of space. Place is where you are comfortable, where memories are held, and where you feel more comfortable and at home. Throughout my work, space versus place and how I psychologically feel about the space, place, and surroundings I encounter, is a common theme. After building my site-specific installation titled *Molly Was Here*, Ross Camp and its surroundings have slowly become some of my places.

Historically, Ross Camp originated as Purdue's Civil Engineering Surveying Summer Camp. Inspired by the rich history and concept of land surveying, I began examining the spaces on the way to and around Ross Camp site, photographing my discoveries. Mimicking the repetition of my chosen location on the grounds, viewers are invited to examine and survey the lands I have encountered, through the process of this project.

-Molly Lorraine Phalan