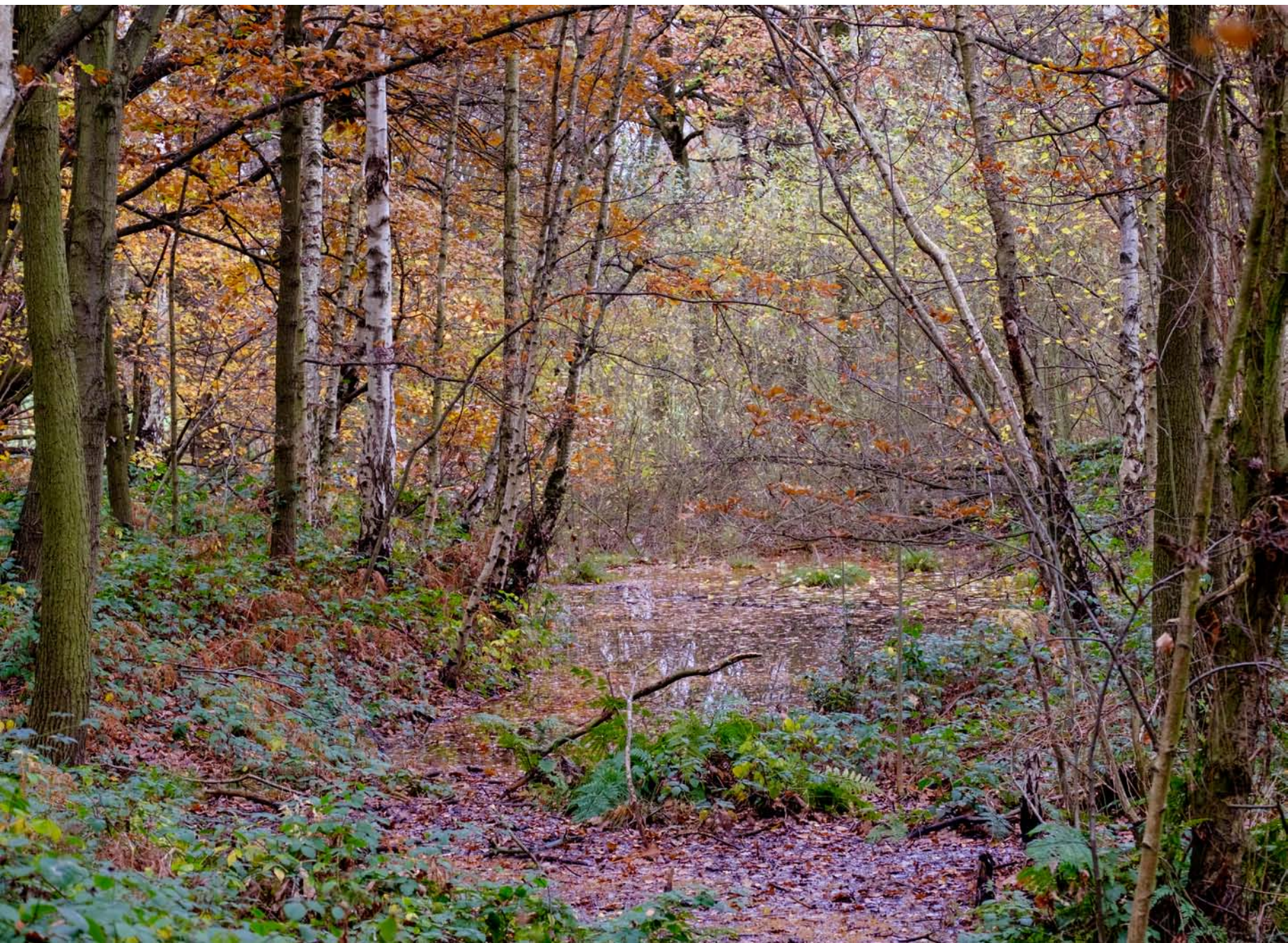




# Seckar Pool

Glenys Garnett







Winds blow the open grassy places bleak;  
But where this old wall burns a sunny cheek,  
They eddy over it too toppling weak  
To blow the earth or anything self-clear;  
Moisture and color and odor thicken here.  
The hours of daylight gather atmosphere.

Robert Frost

## Seckar Wood

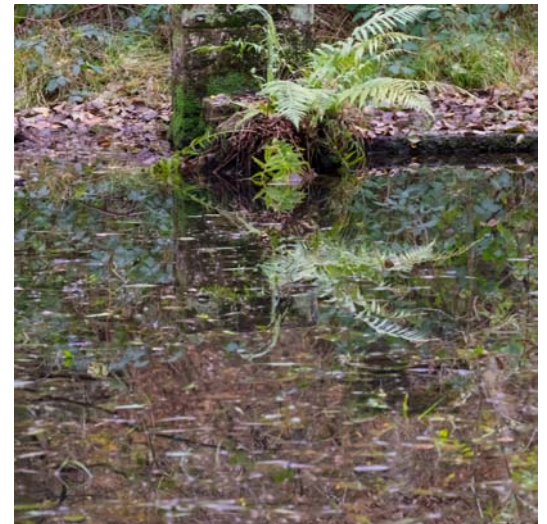
Seckar Wood is located just south of Wakefield off the Barnsley Road opposite Newmillerdam Country Park

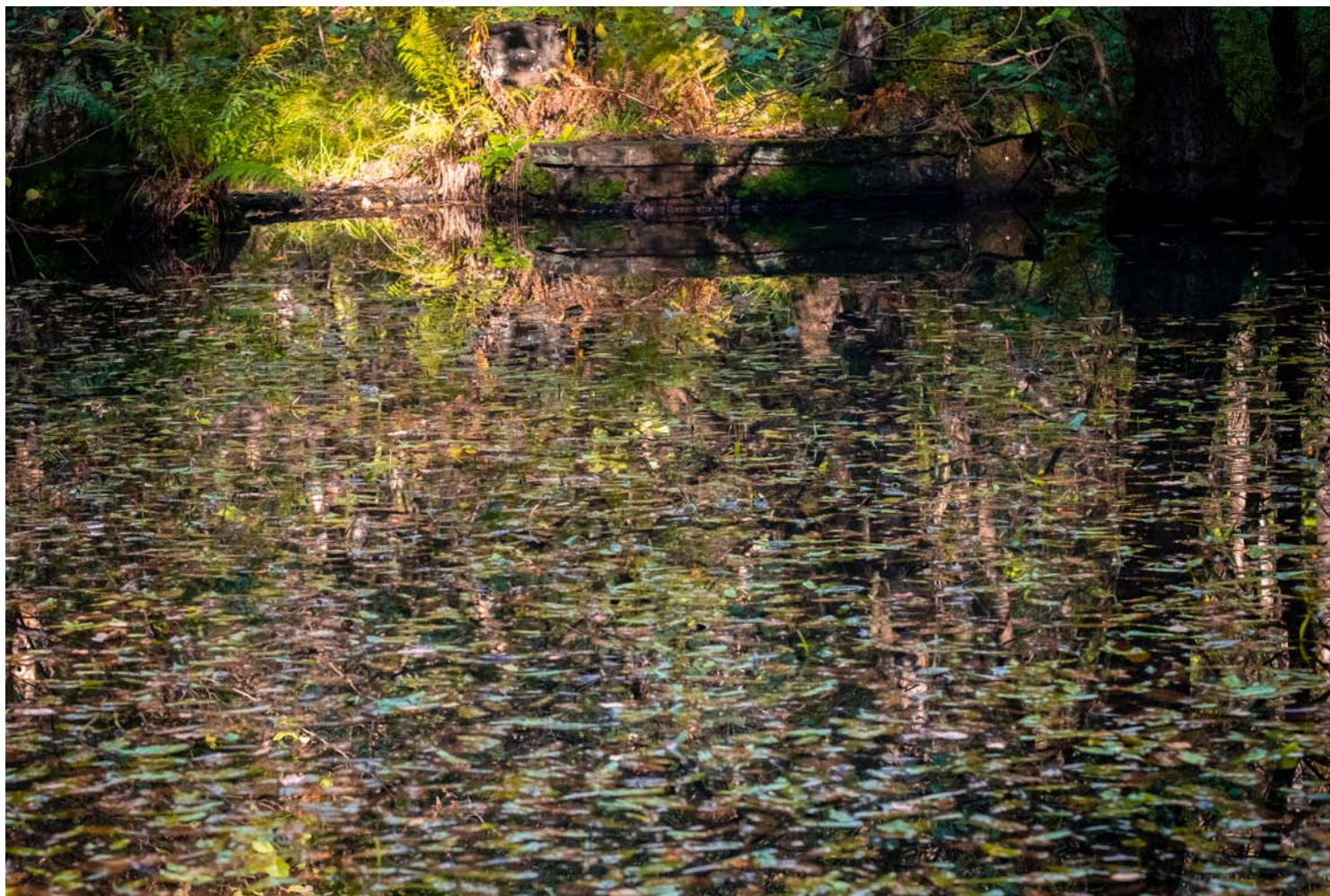
Most of Seckar Wood is ancient Woodland that has changed little since the 1480's. Much of the woodland today is young birch.

Part of the Wentworth Estate, it was purchased by Warner Gothard in early 1900's a photographer with studios in Wakefield, Barnsley, Dewsbury and Leeds.

With his brothers he pioneered the montage postcard which often featured colliery, railway and local disasters.

When Warner died in 1940 the area was given to the people of Wakefield and Barnsley and is now managed by Wakefield Council.





## Seckar Pool

A small natural spring emerges from the west end of the wood and where it accumulates at the eastern end there are two small ponds collectively known as Seckar Pool.

In the 1930's Gothard decided to make use of the ponds to create an outdoor swimming pool for his family.

Construction of a summer house was started just before the outbreak of war in 1939 but got interrupted when Gothard died 1940.







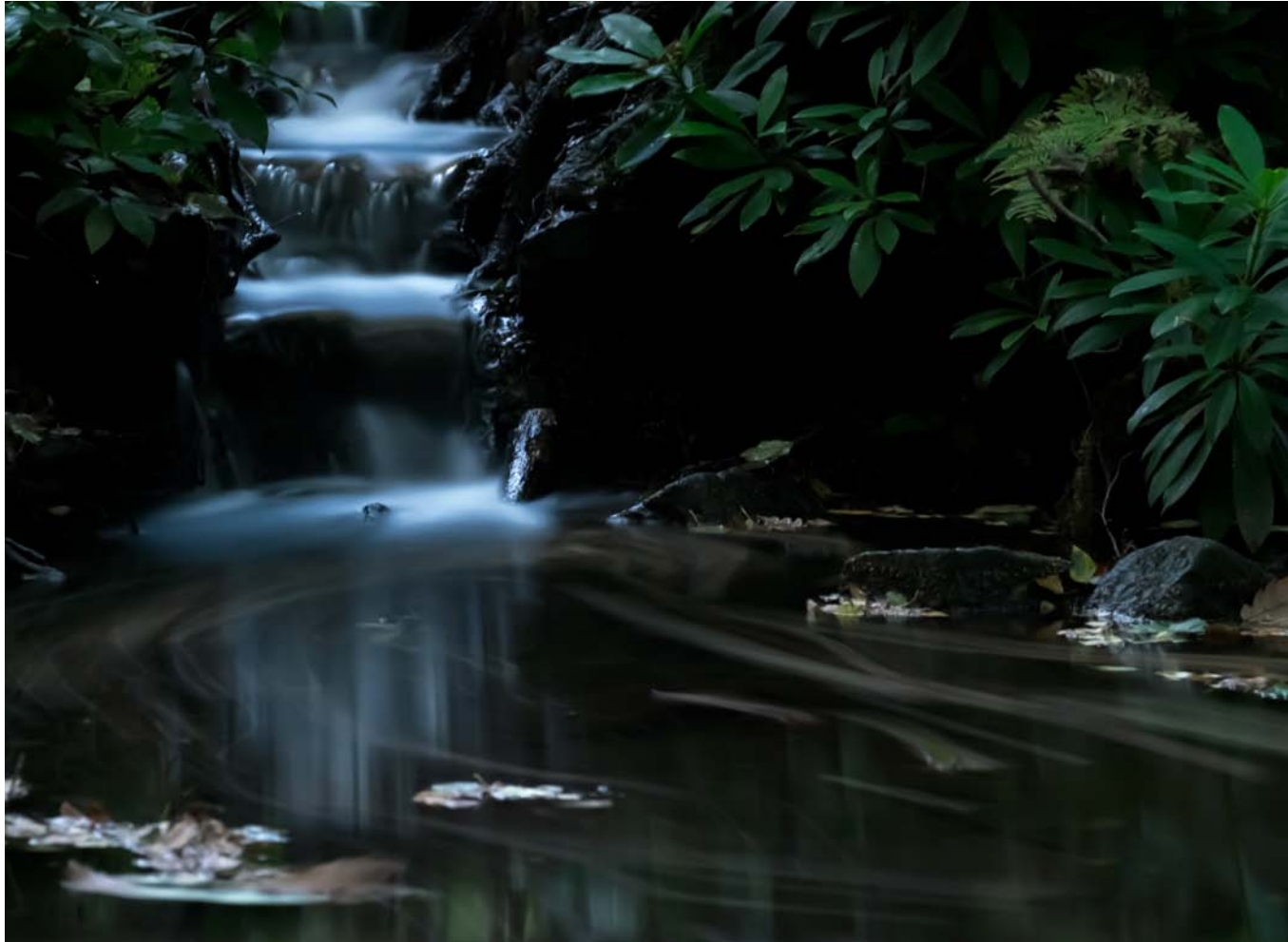
In October 2016 I decided to create a small photographic project, spending time photographing the pool and it's surroundings.

I paid a number of visits to the area and I decided I wanted to convey the range of colours, textures and abstractions that appear and reflect on the surface of the pool.

I did this using a range of photographic techniques including Intentional camera movement (ICM), double exposure and out of focus shots.



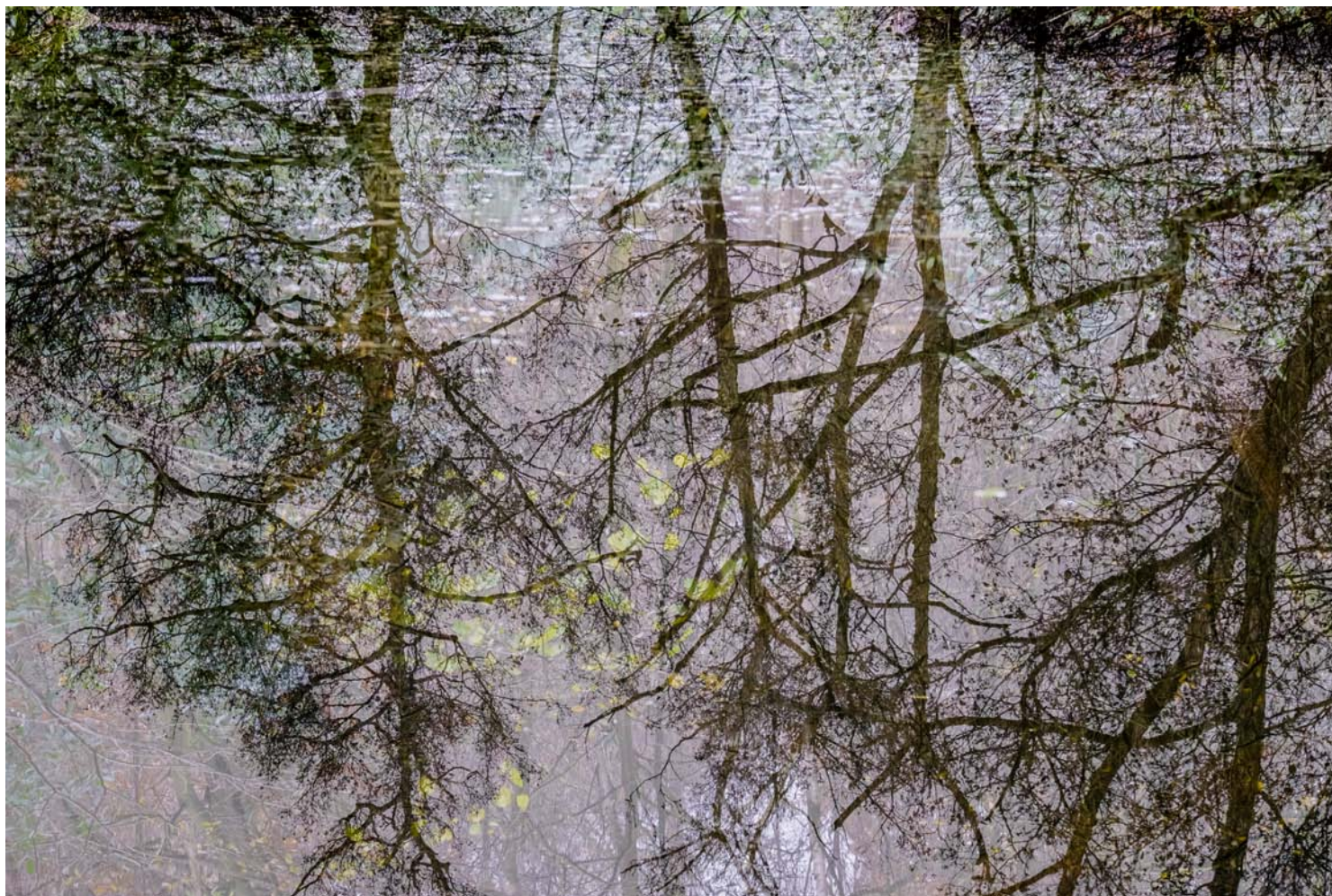




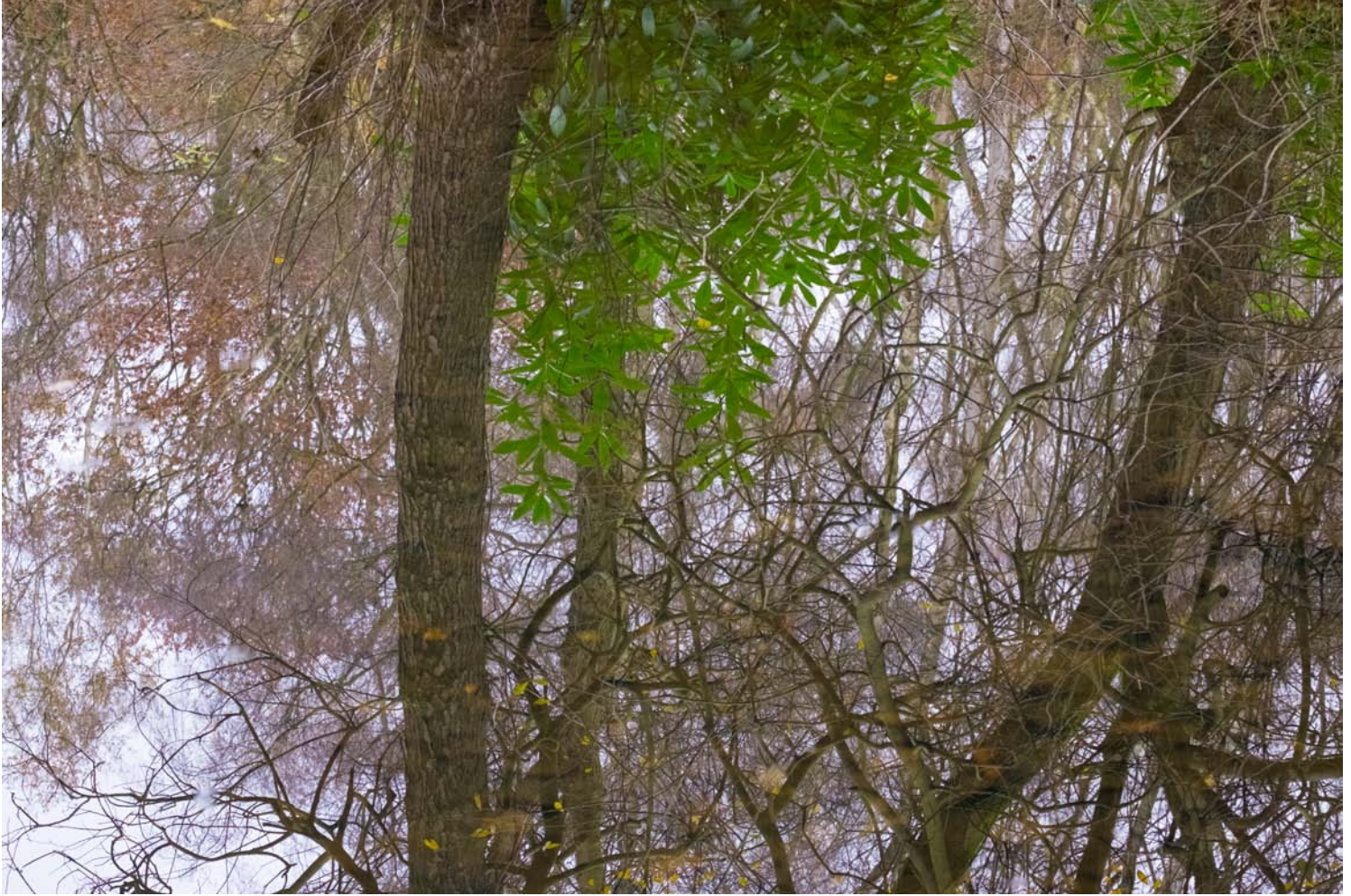




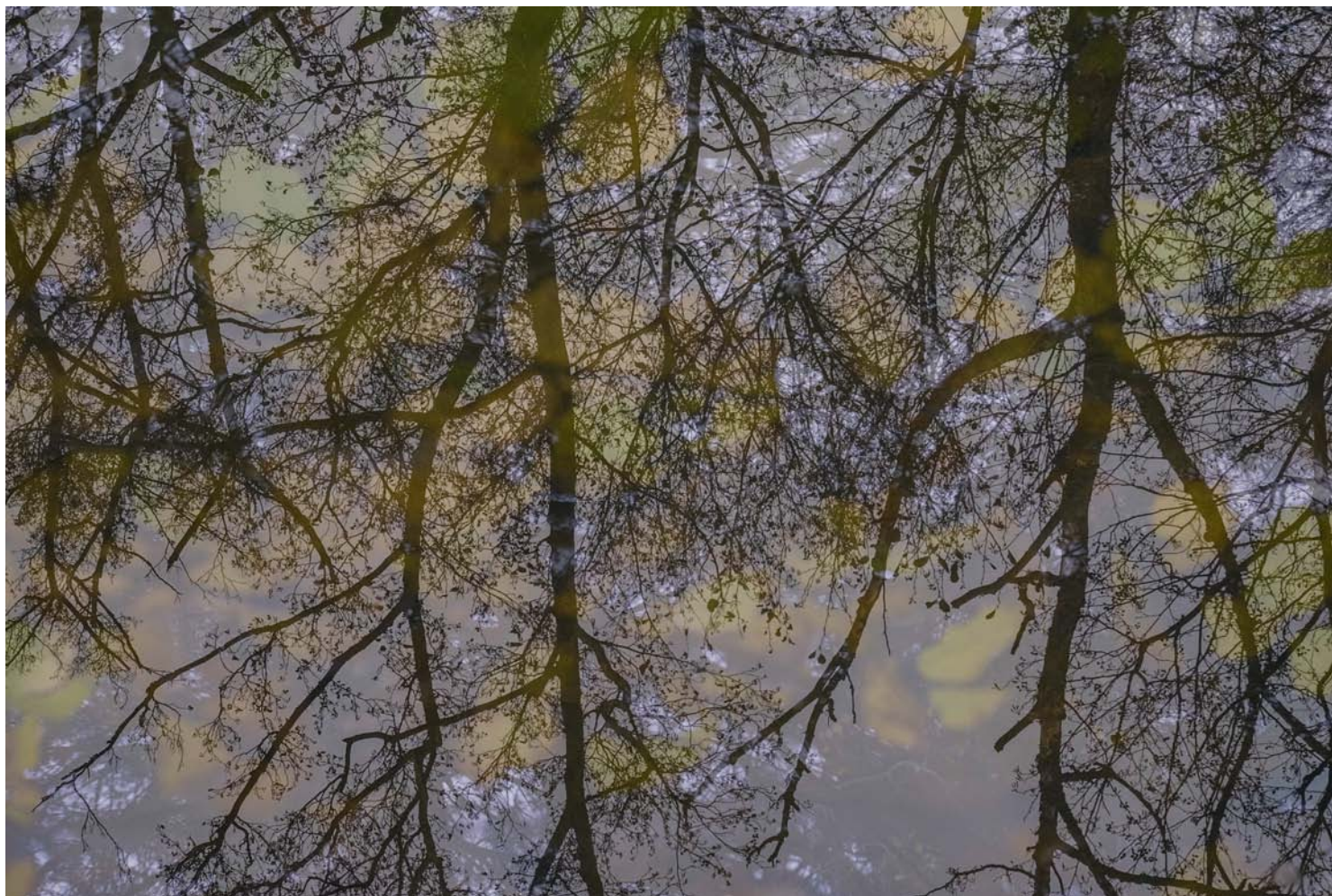




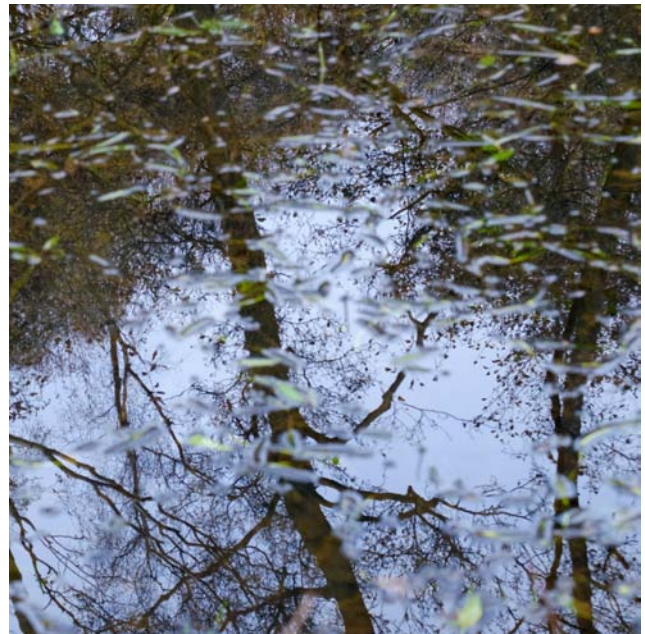
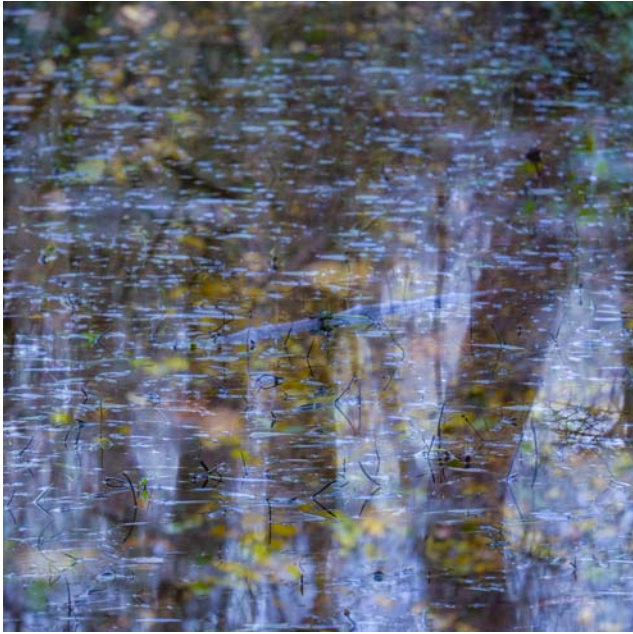




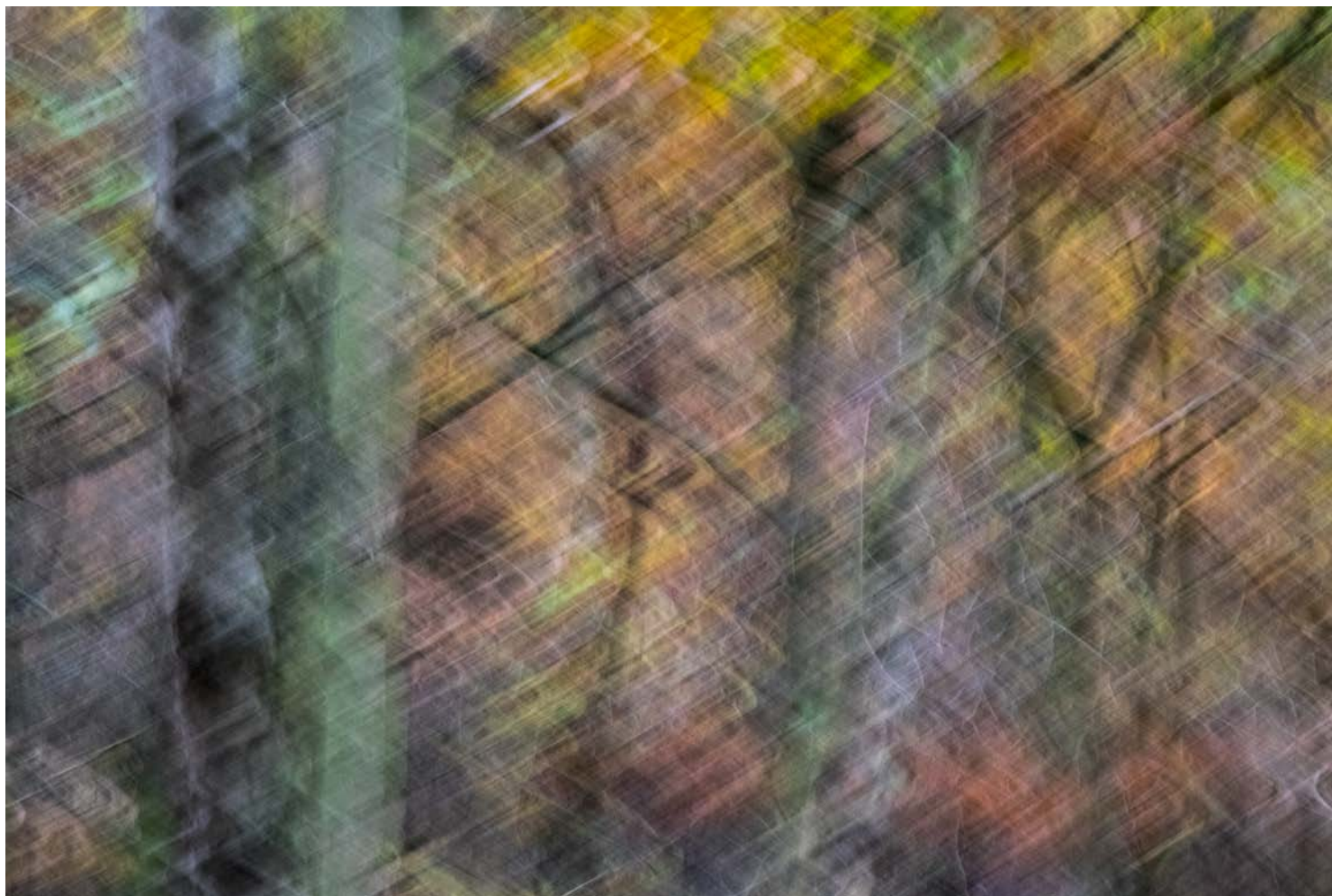




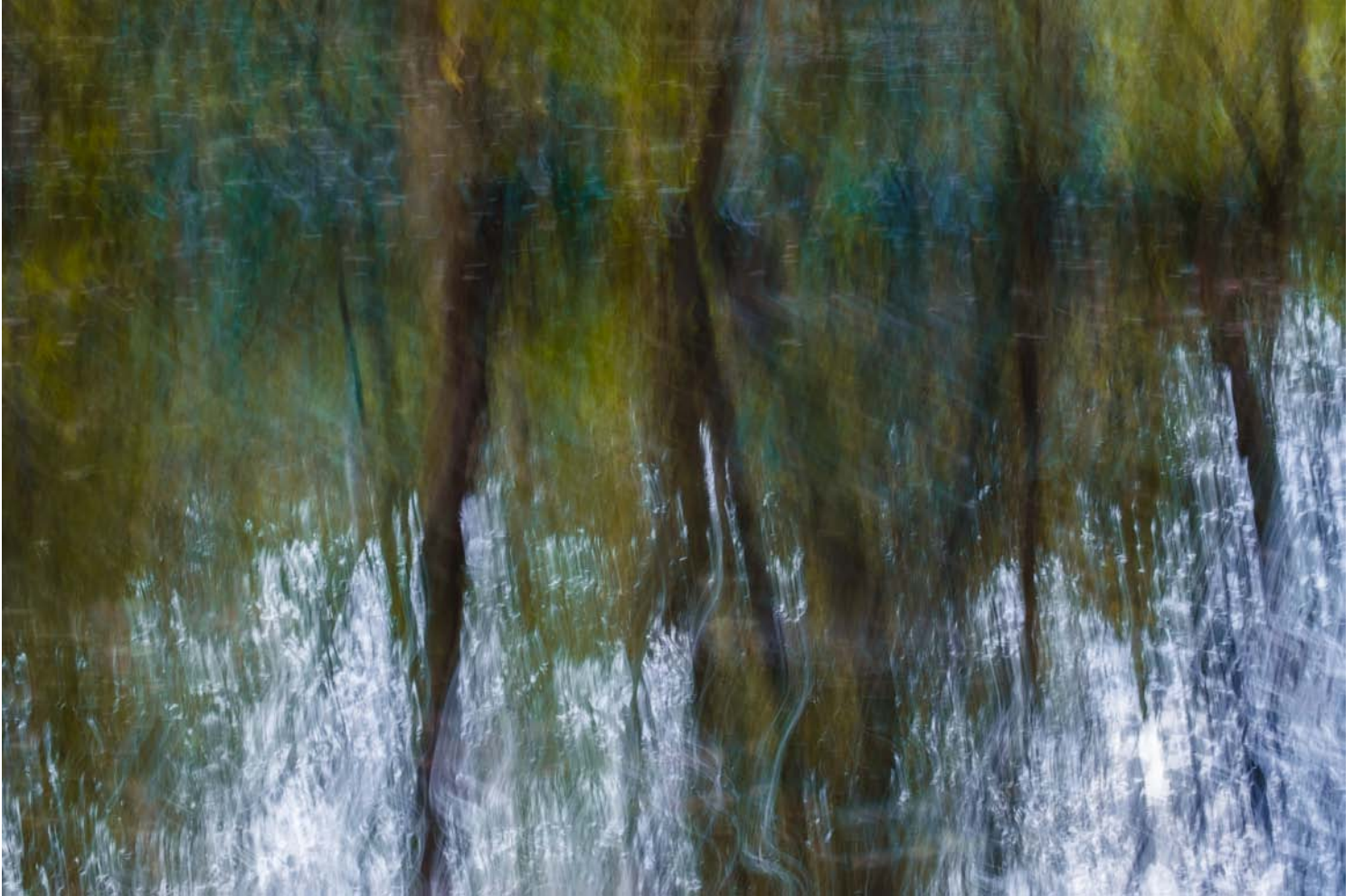












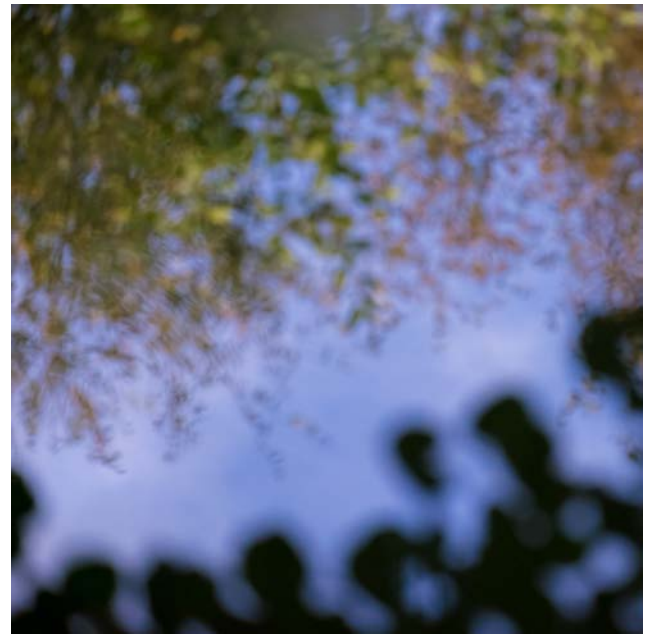
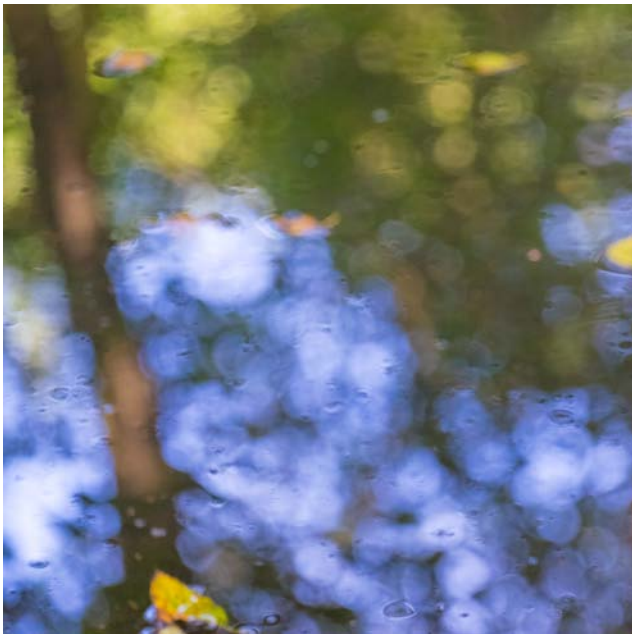








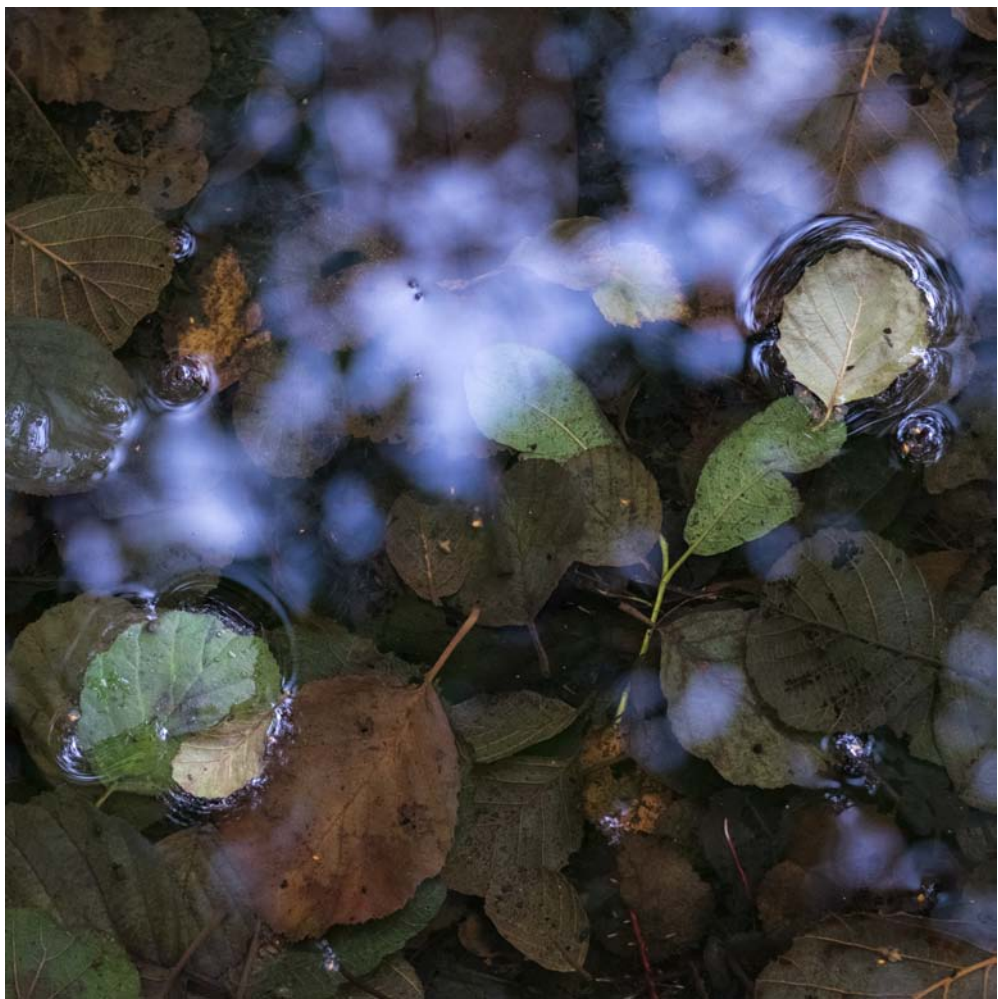






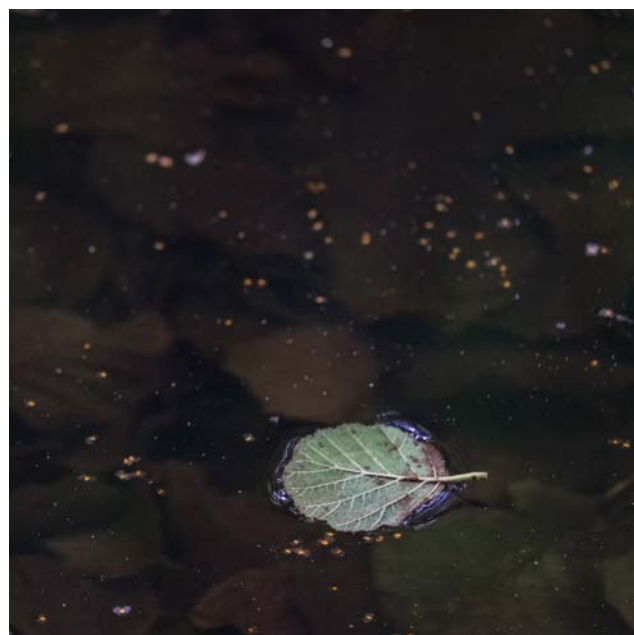
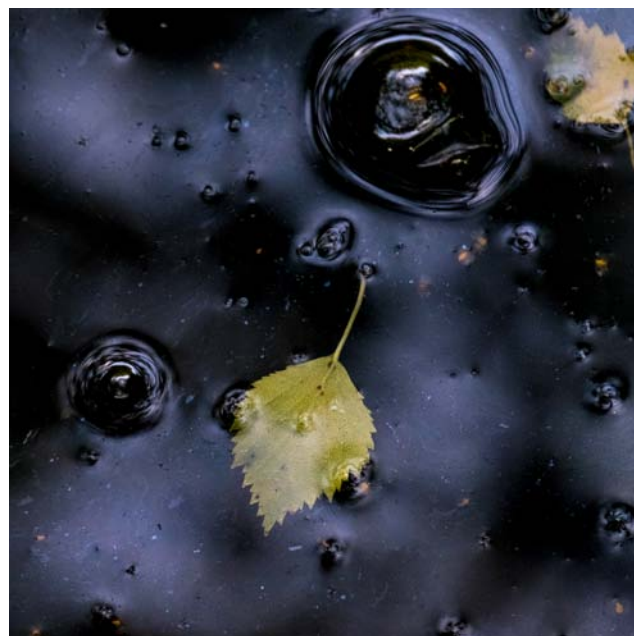




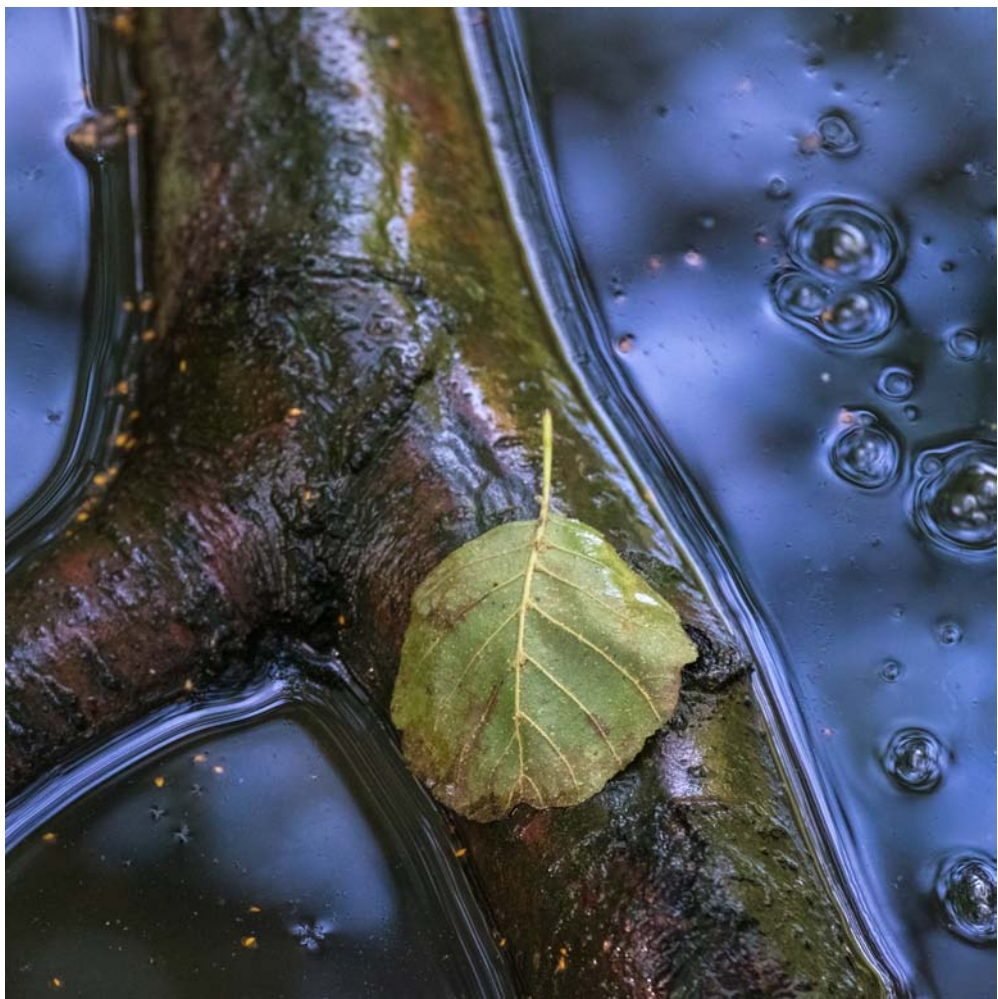








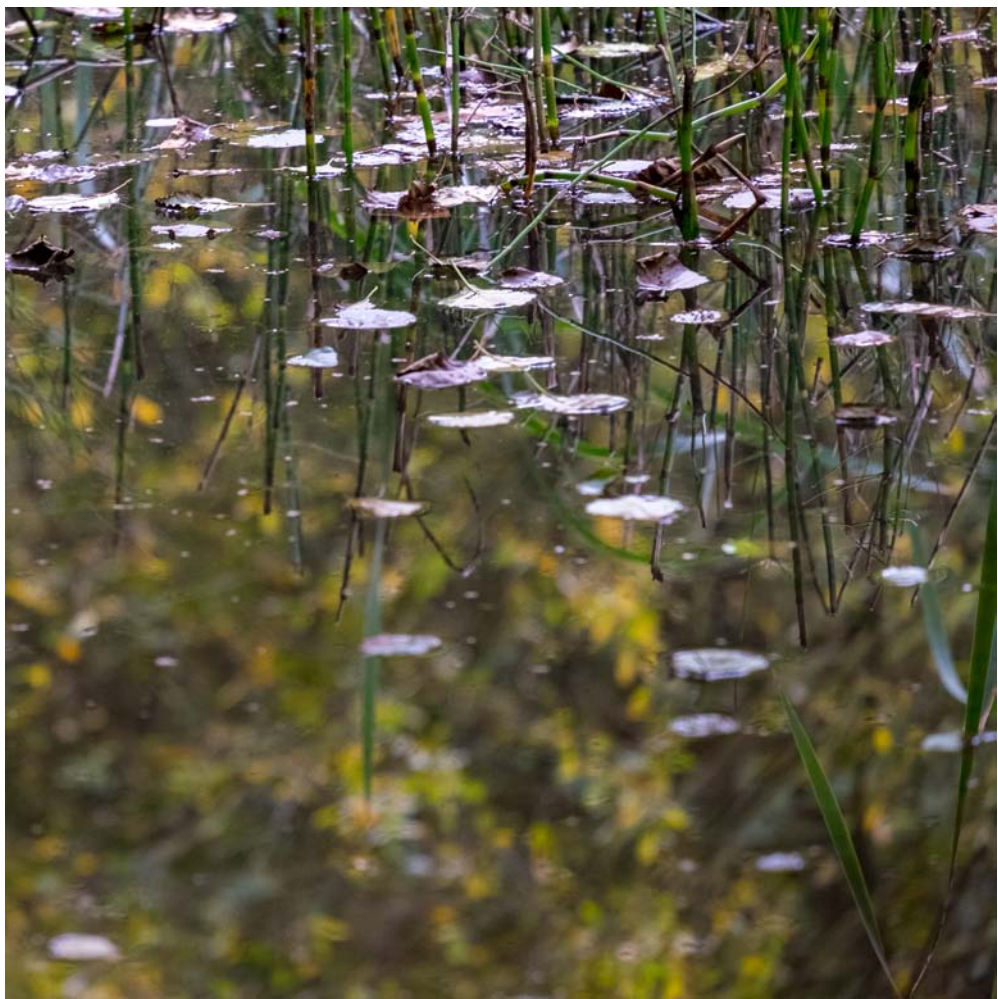






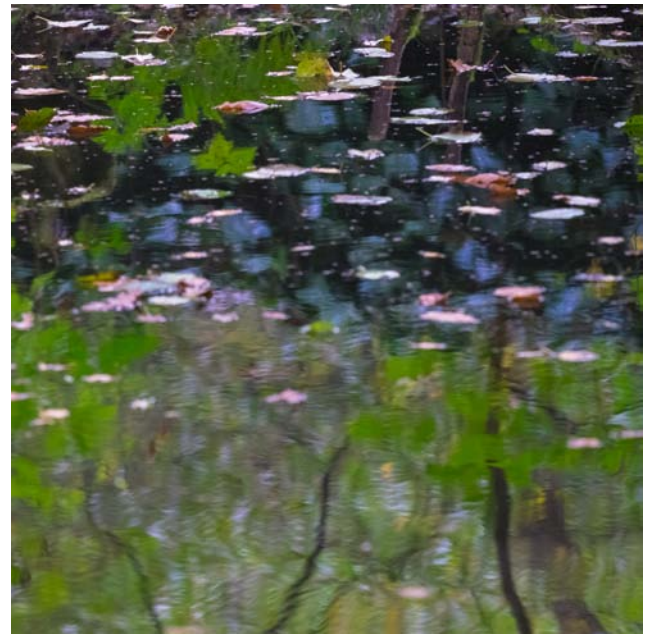
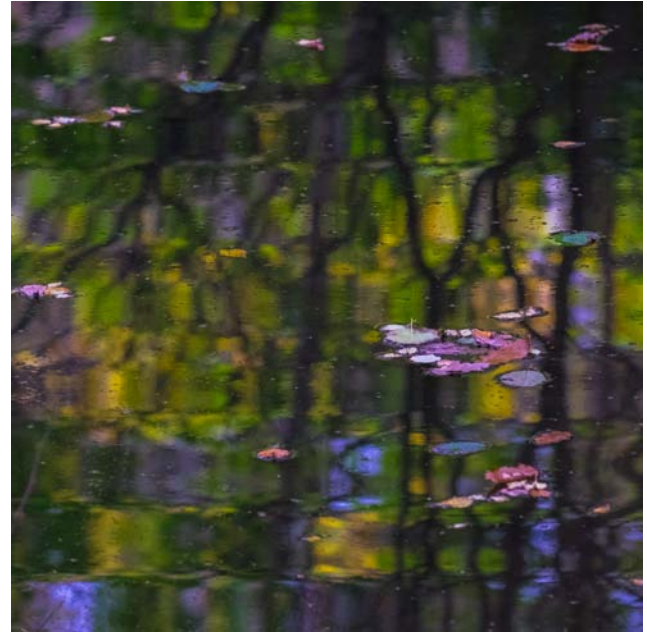
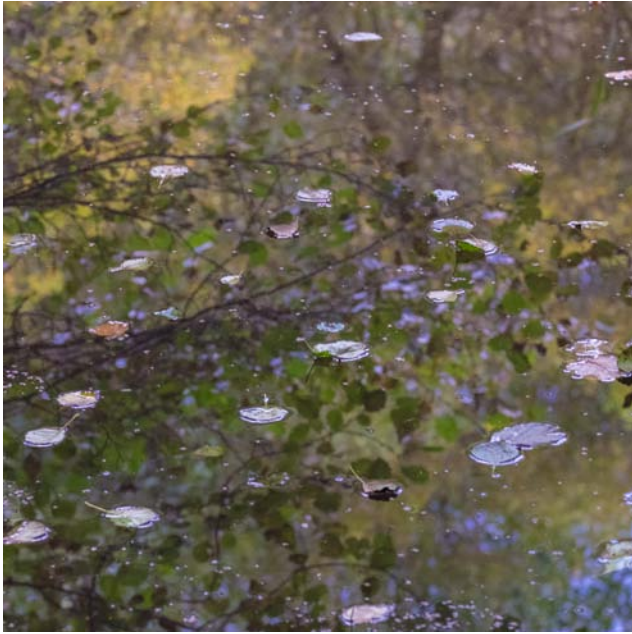




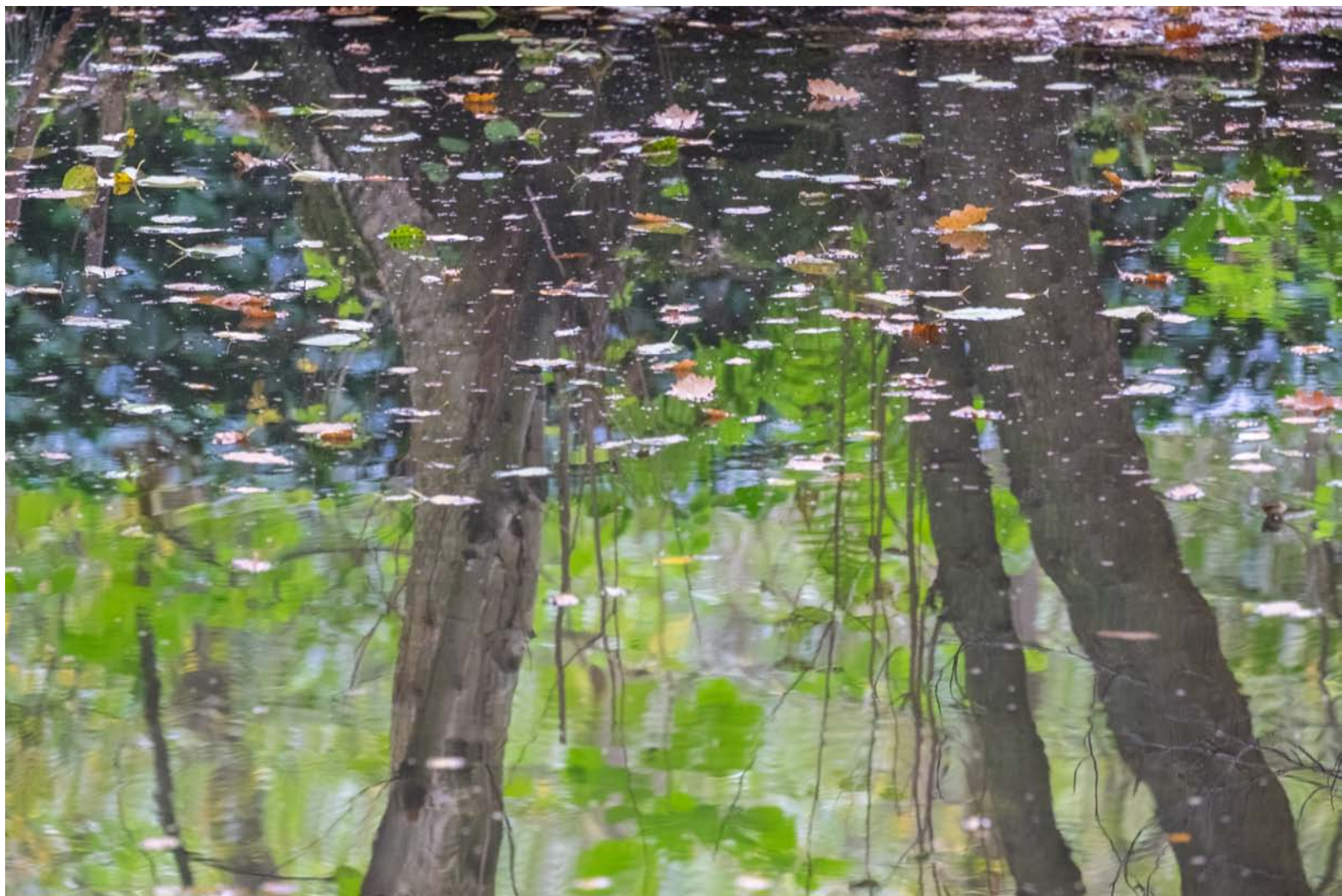












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I have worked as a nurse, a typewriter technician and spent 20 years as an IT Manager at a local college. Throughout this time I have maintained an enthusiastic interest in photography.

I started my own business in 2011 after obtaining a First Class BA (Hons) Degree in Graphic Communication at Leeds Metropolitan University and Batley School of Art & Design.

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