5. Change on the Range

Whimsey Meadow has changed a lot in the past half-century. In the 1950’s, this meadow was a large, expansive, empty pasture-land. Then it was abandoned, and nature took its course through the process of succession. Now Whimsey Meadow is becoming a forest. In another 20 years, the maze of walking paths that meander through Whimsey Meadow will no longer have the beautiful views that they have today. They will instead be a series of paths through a newly formed forest.

The fields at Whimsey Meadow were not always walking paths. They may have been used to grow hay for farm animals (left), or as pasture-land for sheep to graze (right).