

Author's Notes on The Faeries Celebrate the White Doe and Her Fawns  
(Book 16: *Lord Efran and the Water Giant*)

Although I've already made an illustration for Book 16, I decided to do another to show this celebration. The background is a photo I took of a small gully near my apartment. I don't venture down there much because it's full of poison ivy. But it looks like just the place faeries would gather for a private party (supervised by Queene Kele, of course).

[Pia](#)<sup>1</sup> is all dressed up for it, as are the faeries—again, all are from *The Book of Fairy Poetry*<sup>2</sup>, including the dragonflies. (The grumpy man in the lower right corner with the milkmaid faerie may be a gnome or a leprechaun. We'll see if any show up later in our series.)

I found the white doe [here](#)<sup>3</sup>, the fawn at her feet [here](#)<sup>4</sup>, and the piebald [here](#)<sup>5</sup>.

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1. Photographed by [Jonathan Reynaga](#) on Pexels
2. Edited by Dora Owen, illustrated by Warwick Goble, and published in 1920, it may be viewed and downloaded from [this link](#) to the Internet Archive.
3. Uploaded to Wikimedia Commons by Steve Ryal
4. Photographed by W.J. Berg with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
5. [The Deer Tracks Junction Adventure Park](#)