

We wanted to present this information in a more exciting way - where information would be absorbed without boredom. The result was **Phoebe's Field Notebook**.

The Phoebe's Field Notebook is a rugged, robust mini tablet that is stylus driven with wireless capabilities. It has a minimal learning curve. The design decisions made to ensure this were:

1. It would have the same dimensions as the *Rite in the Rain* journals and weigh less than 2 pounds for portability.

2. It is designed so that when closed it can be carried around like a book-bag. The flap and outer body are overmolded with a neoprene to cushion impact of bumps.

The Notebook is obviously too expensive to be handed out as a take-home. The solution was to record all the data onto a USB drive which could be removed at the end and be taken home.

notebook process

The Notebook opened up many avenues for us. We could now provide each visitor with an interactive and personal guide to the exhibit. Their entire experience could be recorded (electronically) without them having to stop and write down anything. But we could also provide note-taking for someone who wanted to do this. We could also provide a forum for interaction among visitors in the same exhibit. The Notebook could double as a controller/selector/'configurator' and could be used in any of the exhibits. We decided to create three sections/interfaces - **The Map, Notes and Data**.

