



Discover Durham's Trails






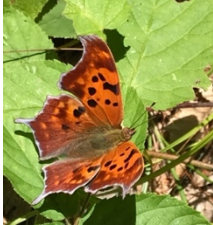



Weekly Scavenger Hunts

April 10, 2020



IT'S MUD SEASON and with the desire to get outside in spring--magnified this year due to COVID-19--our trails are turning muddy in places. To alleviate some of the pressure on trails, the Scavenger Hunt this week promotes Nature Viewing while bicycling local roads or strolling around your neighborhood. **Whether on foot or bike, a reminder to maintain appropriate social distancing, which generally means keeping 6 feet apart.** Please leave what you observe and take only memories or pictures, and carry out what you carry in. Enjoy and Stay Safe. Click on the following to get previous scavenger hunts:

- [March 27, 2020 Week 1 Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [April 3, 2020 Week 2 Scavenger Hunt](#)

Nature Viewing by Bike or Neighborhood Stroll		
<i>Spring is a great time to learn about our local natural world, even on a neighborhood stroll or riding the local roads. Look or listen for the following common plants and animals</i>		
<p>Two early returning migrants:</p>  <p><i>Pine warbler, above, sings a loose, slow twill from atop pines. Chipping sparrow, below, sings a rapid trill from roadsides</i></p> 	<p>Spring Peeper</p>  <p><i>Our smallest "tree frog," listen for the chorus of peepers in the evening</i></p>	<p>Painted Turtle Hatchling</p>  <p><i>Watch for quarter-sized turtles that over-wintered in their nest and now headed for a wetland</i></p>
Two Early Butterflies: Mourning Cloak and Question Mark		
		
<p>Red Maple Flowers</p> 	<p>Pussy Willow Flowers</p> 	<p>Red-bellied Woodpecker</p> <p><i>One of 5 woodpeckers that breeds locally</i></p> 

Photos: pine warbler-Audubon.org; chipping sparrow and red-bellied woodpecker-Cornell Lab of Ornithology, All other photos--by Ellen Snyder

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