



Discover Durham's Trails

Weekly Scavenger Hunts

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The Town of Durham's open spaces offer places for maintaining mental and physical health for individuals and families, during these stressful times. **The trails are open for exploration—due to the COVID-19 threat, visitors must maintain appropriate social distancing, which generally means keeping 6 feet apart.** To enhance your outdoor experience, we offer a weekly scavenger hunt for things that you might see as you hike a Durham trail. *Please leave what you observe and take only memories or pictures, and carry out what you carry in.* Enjoy and Stay Safe.

Trail maps for Durham conservation areas are available at:

<https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/trails/trail-maps>

	Partridgeberry A small, evergreen vine with paired leaves and a red berry that spreads along the woodland floor		Wintergreen A small, evergreen "shrublet" just a few inches tall, with leathery leaves and a red berry
	White pine seedlings Age the tree by counting each set of branches that form a circle, or whorl, around the trunk		Hemlock cones Hemlock cones and needles are much smaller and shorter than those of white pine
	Pileated woodpecker Our largest woodpecker makes large, oblong nesting holes		Beaver Our largest rodent, beaver can stay underwater for up to 15 minutes
	Acorns Red oak acorns are eaten by many animals including blue jays and wild turkeys		Woolly bear The larva of the Isabella tiger moth; their natural antifreeze lets them overwinter as a caterpillar
	Common polypody A hardy, small to medium fern that often grows in clumps on rocks in moist, shady woods		Rock tripe A type of lichen that grows on the shady side of large boulders. When dry it turns black and shrivels

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