

Discover Durham's Trails



Weekly Scavenger Hunts

April 3, 2020

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 (or wander around your neighborhood). 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



American robin

Our most common thrush, the male has a darker head than the female; they both love worms



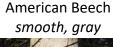
Wood frogs

Noted for their black mask and duck-like quacking in woodland pools during spring mating season

Courtesy Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Tree Bark

With the trees still bare, it is a great time to check out the different bark textures and colors of our native trees. Here is a selection

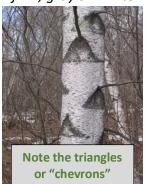




Shagbark Hickory shaggy, gray



Gray Birch firm, grayish-white



Red Oak



Skunk Cabbage



Flowers--protected by a "hood"--emerge early in spring; the skunky smell attracts small flies and beetles



Pitch Pine Cones

Fire adapted, the cones are stout and tight, with a sharp, curved prickle on the tip of each scale