



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>

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| | <p>American robin</p> <p>Our most common thrush, the male has a darker head than the female; they both love worms</p> | | <p>Wood frogs</p> <p>Noted for their black mask and duck-like quacking in woodland pools during spring mating season</p> |
| <p>Tree Bark</p> <p>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</p> | | | |
| <p>American Beech <i>smooth, gray</i></p> | <p>Shagbark Hickory <i>shaggy, gray</i></p> | <p>Gray Birch <i>firm, grayish-white</i></p> <p>Note the triangles or "chevrons"</p> | <p>Red Oak <i>rough, reddish</i></p> |
| | <p>Skunk Cabbage</p> <p>Flowers--protected by a "hood"--emerge early in spring; the skunky smell attracts small flies and beetles</p> | | <p>Pitch Pine Cones</p> <p>Fire adapted, the cones are stout and tight, with a sharp, curved prickle on the tip of each scale</p> |