

Nature Find

As you walk along the trail can you spot the following items? Remember, no picking!



Mayapple

- Flowering plants have 2 leaves, immature plants have just 1 leaf—can you find one of each?
- Name refers to the May blooming of apple blossom-looking flower
- Eastern box turtles play big role in propagating plant by eating the fruit then dispersing the seed



Burl

This odd shaped lump found on the side of the tree is called a burl. Prized by wood crafters for its unique shapes and ring patterns it is a type of fast growing, abnormal growth on the tree. How many can you find?



Passaic River

Rivers like the Passaic support a tremendous amount of wildlife. Stop along the river—can you see:

- Anything swimming in the river?
- Animals drinking from the river?
- Insects flying near the water?
- Any animal tracks?



Skunk Cabbage

- Did you know that this plant can generate its own heat? Through cellular respiration the flower can warm up to 70 degrees melting the snow around the plant.
- The skunk-like smell helps the plant survive by attracting pollinators and deterring animals from eating its leaves.

Duckweed

Duckweed is among the world's smallest flowering plants. It can be found in still, fresh water. Each leaf contains a small air sac that keeps it afloat. Take a close look when you get to the marsh



Listen, can you hear these bird songs?

1. Wood pewee
"Who me? Aaaah gee"
2. Wood thrush
"Eee oh lay" (like fairy flutes)
3. American robin
"Cheer up, cheerily"
4. Black capped chickadee
"Fee bee" or "chickadee, dee, dee"