

Middlesex Fells Letterboxing and Passport Program **Wright's Park Treasure Hunt**

Trail head

Flynn Rink parking lot, Medford.

*Note, this trail can be a little steep and rocky in places. It is recommended that you take this hike when the weather is dry, and the trails won't be icy.

Directions to the letterbox

1. Enter the forest from the NW corner of the parking lot. The trail veers right; continue straight on the trail, keeping the (sometimes dry) stream on your left.
2. You'll soon reach a small wooden planked bridge and a tree with a blue blaze, marking Woodland Path; cross the bridge and take a few steps toward Quarter Mile Pond to take in the views. *Depending on the season, this is a great place to spot dragonflies and other insects, as well as a variety of water birds.*
3. Return to the path, and follow the blue blazes straight up the hill.
4. As you head downhill, look for the few small White Birch trees that are scattered amongst the oaks. *You can spot the birch trees (also known as "Paper Birch") by their white peeling bark. The bark is very flammable and can be peeled away in strips; it makes handy fuel for a campfire if you're ever lost in the woods!*
5. At the fork, go left to follow the blue blazes.
6. Heading down the hill, you'll come to a set of stone steps leading to a bridge. Cross the bridge and continue following the trail as it snakes uphill.
7. You'll soon reach an area of exposed rock covered with moss and lichen, with two oak trees that seem to be growing right out of the rock. *How is this possible?!*
8. Going around the left side of the rock, you will find a trail leading left and another trail leading straight; take the trail that goes straight behind the rock, downhill (this will take you off of Woodland Path).
9. You will come to a T at the bottom of the hill. Go right.
10. You'll quickly come to another T; go right again.
11. You will soon see a fallen tree and a fork in the trail. Go around the fallen tree to continue straight along the trail (do not go left).
12. You will immediately approach another T. The tree to your left will be marked with a blue blaze, and you'll see a fallen dead tree directly in front of you (about 11 steps away).
13. Walk toward the log, step over it, and find the letterbox under the log.
14. **Stamp your notepad and leave your mark (a signature or stamp of your own) in the notebook.**
15. **Please leave the box exactly as you found it for the next adventurer to find!**
16. Facing the trail from which you came, go left to follow the blue blazes up the small rocky hill.
17. Continue along the trail, looking for blue blazes along the rocks as well as the trees. After a few minutes, you will reach the same two trees growing out of exposed rock that you came across in step 7. Go left to follow the blue blazes downhill, in the direction from which you originally came.
18. From here, you will retrace your footsteps all the way back to the parking lot. The trail is well marked with blue blazes and should be familiar to you.