

A collage artwork featuring a map of New England (Massachusetts and surrounding states) at the top, with a yellow butterfly on the left side. Below the map is a book cover for "Fairies of the Middlesex Fells".

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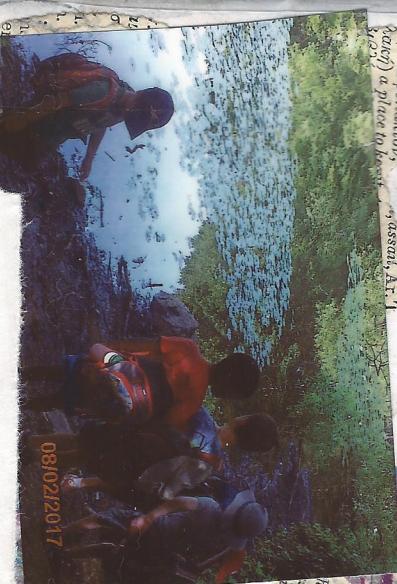
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This field guide should be considered a basic overview of fairies that may be found in the forests of Eastlin Massachusetts. There are certainly far more fairies than are listed here, but these are the most common and iconic fairies confirmed to reside in the Fells.



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WHAT IS THE MIDDLESEX FELLS?

In the 1890s, with support for public lands gaining across the country, the Middlesex Fells were set aside as a prototype for urban parks worldwide. Today with nearly 2600 acres of mature, protected forest, the Middlesex Fells provide a welcome respite from city life just six miles north of Boston.



WHAT EXACTLY IS A FAIRY?
A fairy is a magical being made of forest-being nature magick, shy and reclusive, faeries are commonly seen and even though most are small through a child's hand, to be the size of a gnat rarely, faeries are commonly seen and even though most are small through a child's hand, to be the size of a gnat.



WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS BOOK?

In these pages you can expect to find important information about common fairies living in the Fells. Most of them look like woodland animals, with some even helping these animals by doing them favours while using their appearance to blend in with the forest around them. Study their appearance closely then head out to the woods to find some yourself!

HOW DO I FIND FAIRIES?

Fairies are generally shy and secretive by nature, so one more patience, caution, and most important of all, quiet. Look for common signs of fairies, like mushrooms and sunbeams, and consider leaving offerings, of small stones, feathers, or



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Like many fairies that "borrow" the appearance of another forest resident, Blue Ladies do their part to help the Blue Jays thus share plumes with by protecting their eggs and bringing them twigs for their nests.

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If you want to leave a gift for a Blue Lady, consider putting a poison-wax blue flower. Do not be discouraged if one does not appear—they are very reclusive and easily scared.

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To find Blue Ladies, look for tiny flashes of blue near bird's nests, particularly those of Blue Jays, in the late spring or early summer.

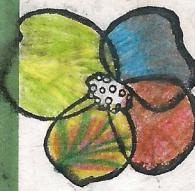
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Beludea are rarely found in mud, which may be because they are sensitive to changes in water, and even smell water, and eat it.

Beludea are very hard to notice, as they are mostly in the water, and eat it. They are found in ponds, rivers, and lakes. Beludea are known for being very long-lived, with some as old as 300 years.



The print on left shows a magnified image of Beludea footprint. They tend to drag their feet creating long trails between each dimpled footprint.



paper skins

Gifted artists and creative scientists, paperskins are known to make beautiful paintings as well as wild experiments. From their tiny homes in Birch trees, paperskins collect all sorts of strange items for their bizzare sudden pop-up experiments. If you hear a sound for in the woods, look around for paperSkin in nearby paperSkin.



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Known for their strange appearance, Maple sacris are ancient to the Sugar maple enjoy building beautifullly decorated houses with flowers, gemstones, and butterfly wings. To find them, consider leaving offerings at the base of a sugar maple.

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pondus

Dressed to look just like pine cones and with spiky pine needle hair, pondus are masters of disguise that hide easily among evergreen trees. Unlike many other fairies, pondus are tough little fairies with no dislike of the cold. No matter how snowy or cold, pondus are happy in the chilly falls winter.



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There are many five easy to types of tree fairies that prefer to live in the Fells, All tree fairies at the base, while old and gnarled trees are also a favorite for most tree fairies. These studious fairies only share their knowledge with those who impress them — and they are particularly fond of riddles.



grandifolia

Mysterious and shy, grandifolias are clever little fairies that prefer to spend their time making crafts or playing chess in their homes near the base of Beech trees. These studious fairies only share their knowledge with those who impress them — and they are particularly fond of riddles.

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Vulp-Vulp



Taking after the elusive and beautiful Red Fox, Vulp-Vulps are noted for their shyness and clever natures. They are a rare example of a truly omnivorous type of feline, feeding almost entirely on small beetles, tadpoles, and fish. They live in tiny burrows underground and emerge only to find food.

The sketch above shows

a comparison between Vulp-Vulp and regular Red Fox fur. On the right, we see the gold-orange of a red fox, while the Vulp-Vulp example at left shows distinct red color on silver undertones. At immediate left we see

a sketch showing the approximate size of typical Vulp-Vulp. They stick to the shadows, and prefer to emerge, and prefer to hunt, at dusk to

If you can manage to view a Vulp-Vulp up close, know that they can look quite frightening. Their teeth shine silver, light, Vulp-Vulps refuse to be caught or restrained, even going so far as to bite fairies spotters. Be cautious and gentle however, and they will show you the some kindness.



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Faerie Trail

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Clumsy Pandas

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Clumsy Pandas love to
play in leaf piles and
puddles, causing mischiefs
but love to play pranks on easily frightened
night hikers.



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Rock Gnomes are some of the most intelligent and strongest fairies in the forest. They are small and stout, and inside the large, strong wings of other fairies. They, however, have the most powerful magic of anything in their forest. They hide their tiny homes with glamour spells that make them appear invisible, and build massive Rock Golems.

Rock Gnomes are some of the most magical creatures in the world. They are just three or four inches tall, but able to lift massive boulders using magic alone. They also use magic to extend their lifespans, living several millennia and making many years feel like mere minutes.



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Lilyheads

See *Umbra*, *meridionalis*, &c.

Lilyheads are some of the friendliest, most playful fairies in the fells. They love to swim, and spend the summertime diving into and playing with other creatures in small ponds. They are invisible underwater, but can be spotted by looking for particularly yellow lily flowers.



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Above, a few forest explorers sketching a Fairy tree near Hadley Cove in Spot Pond if you offer them a pretty stone! Below, a Lilyhead sits patiently while she is being examined.



Lilyheads are completely dormant in the winter, hibernating all season long, giving Lilyheads plenty of energy for playing in the water.

