



EARTHPLACE LETTERBOXES

WHAT IS LETTERBOXING?

Letterboxing is an outdoor scavenger hunt. Letterbox seekers follow a list of clues to find boxes stashed along trails. Inside these boxes are a notebook, pencil, stamp pad, and a stamp. When the box is found, letterboxers stamp their discoveries in a personal journal, then use their own rubber stamp, called a signature stamp, to stamp into the letterbox's logbook. For more information or to find other letterboxes in the area, check out www.letterboxing.org.

WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU NEED

1. Compass
2. Logbook
3. Stamp or pencil if you want to leave a note

REMINDERS

- You do not need to leave the trail to find the boxes. All of the boxes are accessible from the trail.
- Don't let others see you uncovering the letterboxes (it'll ruin the fun for them!)
- Please leave all items in the box and re-hide them when you are done.



LETTERBOX CLUES

The following letterboxes can be found with or without a compass. If you want to use a compass, the following clues are designed to familiarize the seeker with the eight compass points (North, Northeast, East, Southeast, South, Southwest, West and Northwest).

LETTERBOX #1 (The Owl)

From the bear statue, go in a westerly direction past the large hollow tree trunk on the left to the beginning of the Swamp Loop Trail. At the Swamp Loop sign, walk approximately forty (40) steps along the trail in a northwesterly direction. On your left, in a westerly direction, you will see a large fallen tree. In the "Y" on the trunk you will find letterbox #1 with an owl stamp.

LETTERBOX #2 (The Rabbit)

From letterbox #1, continue along Swamp Trail in a northwesterly direction and cross the wooden walkway over Raccoon Swamp. Shortly after the wooden walkway you will see a short side trail on the left. Follow the side trail in a westerly direction to the deck with two benches that face Stony Brook. Look under the deck behind the left bench for letterbox #2 with a rabbit stamp.

LETTERBOX #3 (The Fox)

From letterbox #2, go back to Swamp Loop Trail. Continue along the trail in a northerly direction to the Spur for Wolf Trail. Take a left onto the Spur in a westerly direction. After spotting a bench off to the left (west) of the trail, take forty (40) steps in a northerly direction along the Spur. On the left in a westerly direction is a flat rock. Look at the back of the rock for letterbox #3 with a fox stamp.

LETTERBOX #4 (The Wren)

From letterbox #3, continue along Wolf Trail in a northerly direction. The trail will turn right in a northeasterly direction up a hill. On the other side of the hill at the "T" junction, take a right in a southeasterly direction and join Swamp Loop Trail. Cross the wooden bridge at Frog Pond. Three (3) steps beyond the end of the bridge there is a large rock on the right (south) side of the trail. Look behind the rock for letterbox #4 with a wren stamp.

LETTERBOX #5 (The Chipmunk)

From letterbox #4, continue along Swamp Loop Trail. At the junction of High Woods Trail, turn right in a southwesterly direction staying on Swamp Loop Trail. Look for a post with a #9 engraved on it located on the left (southwest) side of the trail. From the post continue approximately twenty (20) steps along the trail. As you walk these steps, you will see a fallen tree on your right. Hiding beneath the bark trap door in the fallen tree's stump is letterbox #5 with a chipmunk stamp.