

Welcome! Like our animal friends who scavenge for treasures, below is a list of items, natural phenomena, living and non-living objects that you will look and listen for on your walk around where you live. Mark off items as you find them. **No collecting, just enjoying!** We recommend finishing your walk with a hot cup of cider, tea, or cocoa to warm yourself up while reflecting on the season's natural wonders.

Remember: **Only use your eyes, ears (& cameras!) to view natural phenomena. No touching or taking** – just enjoying !!

We would love to see photographs of your experience!! Pictures, along with permission to use them on our social media, website, and newsletter, may be sent to laura.buska@sierraclub.org

Signs of Animals

- ___ Deer tracks or path
- ___ See a deer
- ___ A squirrel's nest made of leaves
- ___ See a squirrel
- ___ A well-worn animal path in the snow
- ___ A tunnel in the snow made by a small animal
- ___ A snowshoe track
- ___ Two different types of animal tracks
- ___ Hear an animal (not a domestic dog or cat)



Birds

- ___ A nest of a bird
- ___ Turkey tracks in the snow
- ___ A hole in a trunk made by a woodpecker
- ___ See or hear two different birds
- ___ An owl
- ___ A cardinal
- ___ Site of a bird eating
- ___ A birdfeeder



Plants, Trees, Shrubs

- ___ A type of leaf
- ___ Pinecone
- ___ A tree or shrub that still has leaves
- ___ A tree or shrub that still has fruit/berries
- ___ A hollow tree trunk
- ___ Fungus or mushrooms
- ___ A canker/deformity on a tree trunk
- ___ A cattail
- ___ A tree, shrub or other plant eaten by an insect or bird
- ___ A tree with smooth, papery bark
- ___ A tree with rough bark
- ___ A tree forming an arch over a trail
- ___ A vine climbing up a tree
- ___ Tall grass
- ___ An evergreen tree (cedar, pine etc.)
- ___ Seeds or seed pods
- ___ A red stem/bark plant or shrub
- ___ Dead flowers



Insects

- ___ A gall on a plant or tree (a swelling growth on the external tissues of plants)
- ___ A web
- ___ A spider
- ___ Other signs of insects (wasps nest, burrowing seen in a branch, cocoon on a twig or tree, etc.)

Urban Nature

- ___ A potted plant
- ___ Vine growing up a man-made item (such as a sign, pole, or lamppost)
- ___ A public park sign
- ___ A bench near a tree
- ___ A fountain
- ___ A pathway (mulch, dirt, cement, etc)
- ___ Tree roots coming out of cement

Miscellaneous Items

- ___ Frozen water on the ground (puddle or pond)
- ___ A river
- ___ An icicle
- ___ A boulder or rock
- ___ A place to relax on a walk
- ___ A bridge
- ___ Sound of trees creaking or rubbing together
- ___ Sound of leaves rustling
- ___ Sound of ice melting



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