

Pause places provide forest users a destination, a stopping point, and an opportunity to learn about the forest. Pause places can be a rest stop, an informational stop, or both. All pause places should include a bench or appropriate rocks/boulders for seating. Pause places should be located in locations with interesting natural features, historic structures, and/or views. Prime locations for birding and wildlife viewing are also ideal pause places. Other possible locations include vernal pools, cellar holes, or viewpoints.

Informational pause places should include natural and historic interpretation. For example, at vernal pools, interpretive signage should convey background information about vernal pools, the species that rely on them, and instruction on how trail users can best appreciate them. At the historical sites, the interpretive signage should give a history of the property and previous uses of the forest. For more information about interpretive signage, see the Signage Guidance.

