

Natural Resources in your Town Forest

Natural resources on town forests can include areas that are ecologically significant such as significant natural communities, wetlands, larger streams and wildlife habitat. Wildlife habitat can include deer wintering areas, vernal pools, beaver ponds, mast (oak and beech) stands, ledges and early successional forests. Some of these larger features, such as beaver ponds, we can map remotely, while the presence of other smaller features, such as vernal pools, we cannot. In both circumstances, documenting local knowledge about these resources is essential in understanding their significance and drafting appropriate management guidelines.

What natural resources of note are in your town forest?

Are any of the following resources present? Place a check next to the resources you've observed.

DEER WINTERING AREAS

VERNAL POOLS

LARGE LEDGES OR CLIFFS

GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE AREAS

FORESTED SWAMPS

What kind of wildlife do you see using the town forest?

Are there any human activities (existing or planned) that may conflict with these resources?

