

NATURE PRESERVE

FLOODPLAIN SCAVENGER HUNT

OLD DIRT ROAD TRAIL & WEDDING TRAIL



01 You'll know you're in the right place if you begin here. Pick up a guide and start exploring!



02 The trails are marked with different color blazes. Follow the Old Dirt Road Trail marked with orange blazes to the blue-blazed Wedding Trail.



03 Need a place to rest? Look for the WLT logo and have a seat!



04 There are lots of trees along the trail. Can you find one with camouflage, peeling bark like this? What kind of tree is it?

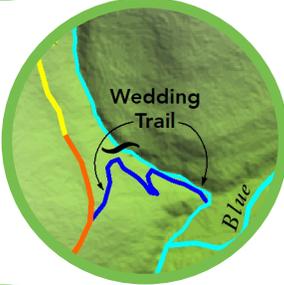


05 Find a tree with smooth, light grey bark like this. What kind of tree is it?

06 Two blazes side-by-side mean the trail's about to turn in the direction of the top blaze. Which way is the Wedding Trail turning?



07 Check the map inside your trail guide. Can you find this black squiggle line? Check the map key to find out what it means.



08 To get to the floodplain, you'll have to cross this wooden structure. What is it?



09 The cliffs along the floodplain are layers of this kind of rock. Do you know what kind of rock it is?



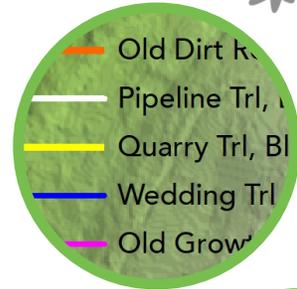
10 Turn over a rock in the stream and see what creatures you can find. Do you know what kind of critter this is?



ANSWER SHEET



01 The trail map inside the guide will help you find your way. *Cartography* is the study and practice of making maps.



02 The different color blazes identify different trails.



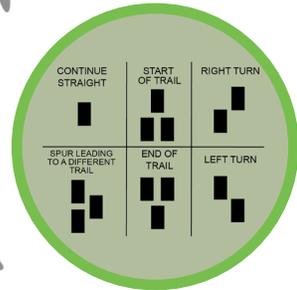
03 The WLT logo is on a beautiful bench built as an Eagle Scout project.

04 Sycamores provide food and nesting sites for birds including red-tailed hawks, woodpeckers, and hummingbirds.

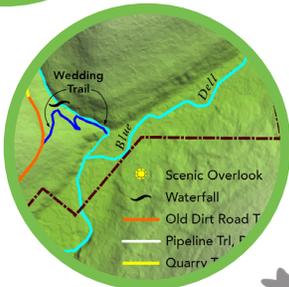


05 Beech trees produce beechnuts which are an important food source for birds and mammals, like chipmunks and squirrels.

06 The Wedding Trail turns to the left. Blaze patterns help hikers follow trails.



07 The black squiggle on your map indicates a waterfall. Can you see the small waterfall along the Wedding Trail?



Waterfalls at the Preserve flow freely in the spring when we receive abundant rain.



The Wedding Trail was named for a wedding that took place here in 1976. Here's a photo of the bride and her father walking down the trail.

08 Volunteers are an important part of helping to maintain our parks and reserves! This bridge is another Eagle Scout project.

09 Shale is a *sedimentary* rock, formed by sediment deposited in layers over time. Cliffs are good places to see the layers of shale.



10 Crayfish can live 20 to 30 years! This particular type of crayfish is a rock crayfish.

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