Exploring Wiessner Woods

① Meadow Overlook Enjoy views toward Mt. Mansfield that are framed by old stonewalls dating back to the 1800s when Wiessner Woods was a farm. Look for signs of fox, coyote, and other wildlife traveling along the edge of the meadow where there is good cover and food.

② Vernal Pool Woodland salamanders and frogs lay their eggs in these shallow pools in the spring. Pools dry up in the summer. Look for Pink Lady’s Slipper growing nearby.

③ Spruce-Pine-Hardwood Forest Some of these pines are almost 100 years old! Birds, snowshoe hare, and other animals hide in the low spruce cover. Look for their tracks in winter. Listen for birdsong in the spring.

④ Gnome Home On your way to the Sugarhouse Loop, look carefully for the gnome of Wiessner Woods. Sometimes he’s hiding!

Credit: John Sharpless
Credit: Chuck Gangas

Thanks to Lynn Jeffery for the owl motif used on the Wiessner Woods trail markers. Owls and other birds nest the big trees at Wiessner Woods.