

TRAILSIDE EYE SPY

See if you can spot each item along the Bike & Hike Trail,
Boston Mills Road south to Route 303, 315 W. Boston Mills Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264

SALAMANDER UNDERPASS

Why did the salamander cross the road?

These amphibians are drawn to the consistently cool, moist soil surrounding the ledges. Two tunnels were placed beneath the trail, giving these delicate creatures a safe way to cross.



TRACKS

How many ways can you use this trail?
Hike, bike, ski, run or walk your dog – our multipurpose trails get their name for a reason! Look also for the footprints of squirrels, birds, fox and even coyotes who use the trail as a vital connection between habitats.



BICYCLISTS

Pictured here is Congressman John F. Seiberling taking an inaugural ride on this trail in 1972. One of the first rails-to-trails conversions in the country, the Bike & Hike Trail extends over 34 miles of defunct railroad lines. *How many bicyclists can you spot on your walk?*



SQUIRREL DREY

Squirrels construct multiple homes of sticks and leaves to use throughout the year. In winter, they may seek out cavities in trees which offer better protection from the elements. *How many of these homes can you spy?*

BLACK RASPBERRY

The purple-blue stems of black raspberries have the appearance of being frosted, adding beauty to the barren winter landscape. Come summer, they will bear tasty snacks for people and animals alike.



AMERICAN CROW

These highly intelligent birds are known for their “mobbing” behavior. When crows spot a potential threat such as a hawk or owl, they “caw” loudly and chase away the predatory bird. *If you hear a commotion, look up – you never know who you might see!*



LIFE ON THE EDGE

Ferns, lichens and more cling to these sheer sandstone ledges and bats hibernate in the small crevices. Metro Parks biologists monitor sleeping bats and share their knowledge with other conservation organizations to better protect these special creatures.



AMERICAN SYCAMORE

Look high in the treetops for stunning white branches festooned with hundreds of seed balls. These fruiting structures will soon burst like dandelions, allowing their seeds to float on the breeze to produce future generations of sycamore trees.

DARK-EYED JUNCO

Not all migratory birds head for tropical locales. Juncos vacation here in Ohio, which is far warmer than the Canadian landscape they call home. Because the ledges create a cool microclimate, some juncos have even been known to stay here year-round to nest!



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