TRAILSIDE EYE SPY

Check off each item as you see it along Maple Loop Trail in Liberty Park, 9999 Liberty Road, Twinsburg OH, 44087

1. IMPORTANT BIRD AREA
The Audubon Society has designated Liberty Park an IBA, recognized for its unique habitats that support a wide variety of familiar and rare bird species. What birds can you spot along the trail?

2. WILDLUPINE
This sun-loving flower thrives in dry, sandy soils. Its unique starburst-shaped leaves are easily recognizable, even after the flowers fade, and continue to provide food for the endangered Karner blue butterfly caterpillar.

3. ANIMAL TRACKS
Footprints can tell us more than just who walked here; they can tell stories of travel, food-finding and even interactions between creatures. How do you interpret the various tracks along the path?

4. INDIGO BUNTING
These brilliant blue beauties sing from the treetops in the open areas along Liberty Park’s trails to attract mates and signal their territory. How many unique bird songs can you hear?

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6. RAIN GARDEN
All the water from Liberty Park Nature Center and surrounding impervious surfaces is filtered through a series of bioswales. Rain gardens and barrels are a great way to help control runoff and mitigate erosion in your own yard as well!

7. BLACK BEAR
Did you know, young black bears occasionally pass through Twinsburg in spring and summer as they look for territories of their own? Take a selfie with the Liberty Park bear as you pass by.

8. GARTER SNAKE
Snakes of all sizes and colors can be found basking on warm asphalt trails in the summer months. From the tiny pencil-sized brown snake to the robust black rat snake, these harmless residents help keep rodent populations in check.

9. NATURE PLAY AREA
Take a detour through our nature play area to hop, crawl, jump and explore! Thanks to a local Eagle Scout, this area now has even more sensory-friendly elements to discover and enjoy.