

# Trailside Eye Spy

Check off each item as you see it along Seneca Trail. Good Luck!

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\_\_\_\_\_ **ARROWWOOD VIBURNUM:** These native shrubs are a beautiful addition to any landscape. Clusters of white summer blooms transform into rich blue berries that are a delicacy to the eye and local birds alike.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **EASTERN CHIPMUNK:** Unlike their squirrel cousins who bury nuts all around, chipmunks store all their winter goodies in one big collection called a cache. How's that for putting all your eggs in one basket?

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\_\_\_\_\_ **CHRISTMAS FERN:** This fern gets its name from the dark evergreen leaves that can be seen dotting the hillsides of Sand Run all winter long. How many kinds of ferns can you spot hidden in the forest?

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\_\_\_\_\_ **TULIP TREE:** Named for its tulip-shaped flowers, this tree sports uniquely shaped leaves that resemble t-shirts hanging on a line. Native Americans often used these trees to create dugout canoes due to their very straight trunks.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **BARN FOUNDATION:** This is the foundation of a of barn which was once home to cows. What creatures live here now? How do you think the land has changed since it was a farm?

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\_\_\_\_\_ **MOSS:** Throughout history, moss has played important roles for humans. Being very absorbent and antimicrobial, moss has been used as insulation for homes as well as wound dressings and even diapers!

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\_\_\_\_\_ **BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE:** This charismatic chickadee is no bird brain. Each fall, these birds are busy stashing seeds in the crevices of tree bark for times when food is scarce. Evidence suggests they can remember hundreds of hiding places!

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\_\_\_\_\_ **WILD GINGER:** This plant is a great Ohio native for creating a beautiful, natural ground-cover in shady areas. Its maroon blooms open in spring and attract pollinators such as beetles.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **TURKEYFOOT GRASS:** Also called big bluestem, the tips of this tall grass often resemble the three toes of a wild turkey. Throughout winter, turkeyfoot grass acts as a natural bird feeder, its seeds providing essential nutrients to our feathered friends.