

FALPS Hike & Seek Scavenger Hunt

FALPS' Hike & Seek encourages exploration of our beautiful forests by outdoor enthusiasts, seasoned hikers or beginners, children, families and others who want to explore our natural environments.

Peoples and American Legion State Forests are filled with all kinds of wonders, from historical foundations that echo another time, to outstanding overlooks, stone steps, marshes, waterfalls and even an historical burial ground.

Take us on your Hike & Seek journey and leave no trace but photos of each "find." Sketches are permitted as well for the artist in you or your children. Check your list and look for extra credit items such as random sightings of wildlife or a plant that feeds wildlife in winter.

We hope you enjoy getting outdoors and looking for the gems of our forests.

E-mail your photos and checklists to ctfalps@gmail.com. You can also request us to send you the checklists if you do not have access to the **FALPS** Facebook page or website at ctfalps.org.

Participate in the Hide & Seek through the last Saturday in April, although the first to complete will be overall winner.

Get Hiking & Seeking! (See list below)

FALPS Hike & Seek Scavenger Hunt List

Peoples State Forest

Matthies Grove

- White Pine promenade
- Bat Box
- Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk) box
- Bluebird boxes
- Pollinator Garden
- Peoples' State Forest Nursery Sign

Barkhamsted Historical Society and Forest Office Grounds

- Stone tribute to Walt Landgraf
- Bat Box
- Map Box

Whittemore Grove

- Plaque on boulder
- Fish Hatchery
- Bluebird Boxes

Greenwoods Road

- Rock Bear
- Park-style Bench at Gothic Window
- Big Springs Youth Camping Area

Walt Landgraf Trail

- Soapstone Quarry
- Native American Caves/Shelters

Jessie Gerard Trail (moderate with a few steep climbs)

- Barkhamsted Lighthouse Site
- Cellar holes
- Cemetery
- Stone quarry
- Heavy Stone Bench near two scenic overlooks
- Chaugham's Overlook
- Grand Vista Overlook
- Veeder Boulders (glacial erratics)
- Rock "Chair" near junction of Jessie Gerard and Robert Ross Trails

Robert Ross Trail

- Bog Bridge

Falls Cut-Off Trail (difficult trail with steep climb and loose rock)

- Stone steps
- Waterfall

Nature Museum Trail (from Matthies to Nature Museum)

- Charcoal Mound Demonstration site
- Trail namesakes' sign
- Nature Museum
- Overlook
- Tree ID signs

Agnes Bowen Trail (moderate, with some medium climbs)

- Beaver Meadow Boardwalk
- Log Bench
- Tree with see-through root openings above ground
- Stone Bridge

Charles Pack Trail (Easy to moderate with a few steep climbs)

- Eagle Scout Bridge near Charles Pack Trail
- Bog Bridge
- Cable Crossing over Beaver Brook on Charles Pack Trail
- Fire pond with sign
- Three-sided house foundation (the Bacon farm)
- Beaver Brook Bridge and Picnic Area

American Legion State Forest

Henry Buck Trail (Moderately difficult with a few steep climbs)

- Old Bridge pylons on Farmington River
- Water pump
- Ruins of Cheese Box Mill
- Plaque Honoring Henry Buck
- Overlook
- Narrow ledge crevasse
- Eagle Scout Bridge

Austin Hawes Campground

- Water pump
- Lean-to
- Cabin

Camp White (near Legion Road)

- Lean-to
- Fireplace Hearth
- Old Foundations

Turkey Vulture Ledges (up Legion Road)

- Stone walls
- Overlook

Bonuses

- Overlook off Kiwanis Road
- Stone Foundation off School Street
- Wildlife
- Old Charcoal Hearths (flat circular areas often with shallow trenches around them)

Special Lists for Kids

- Pine cone
- Acorn
- Beech nut
- Hickory nut
- Plant with thorns
- Feather
- Bird
- Heart-shaped rock
- Painted rock
- Fishing beach
- Wildlife scat (poop)
- Bald Eagle
- Animal
- Moss
- Mushroom/Fungus
- Food feast on rock (most likely acorns munched on)
- Plant with berries
- Wildlife house in stump or tree
- Smokey Bear