



Mattapoissett Land Trust, Inc.

We preserve land in order to enrich the quality of life
for present and future generations of Mattapoissett residents and visitors.

SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT MUNN PRESERVE



Location: Head west on Route 6 toward Fairhaven. Turn on to Mattapoissett Neck Road. The Preserve will be on your right as you near the stone pillars demarking the Antassawamock private community at the end of the road. Parking is along the road/turn around. Please respect our neighbors and do not pass through the pillars to park in Antassawamock.



Also, please do not park in front of the red gate at the start of the trail.

The Munn Family had owned this land, along with much of the present Antassawamock beach community, since the late 1800's. Paul Munn donated 18.3 acres of land to the Mattapoissett Land Trust in 2001, so it will remain forever in its original state.

The Munn Preserve offers an easy walk on an old woods road through the forest to the eastern shore of Brandt Island Cove. An early "oxcart" path leaves the road midway and heads south through woods to the salt marsh.

Please be aware of **ticks** when visiting properties and check yourself after your visit. Watch for **poison ivy** - the vines look hairy as they climb the trees. Even without leaves they can cause skin irritation.

Here are a few things to look for while you are at MUNN PRESERVE

~ Check off ☒ as many as you can find!

~ Take a picture of those items that you find interesting and send to photos@landtrust.org

OBSERVE...



- ___ Find the property kiosk. - *where are you and where are you going?*
- ___ The budding red maple tree. *Can you see any of the flowers?*
- ___ A fallen tree - *is it resting on another branch or tree? Did it crack or fall?*
- ___ The fine twig ends of the high bush blueberries. *Can you see any tiny buds?*
- ___ The leaves of the day lilies pushing up through the leaves along the path opposite the kiosk.

- _____ Look “up” for the green fuzzy lichen covered white birch tree leaning high across the path.
- _____ Find a Vernal Pool: Do you SEE any frogs or egg masses?
- _____ Skunk cabbage poking up through the leaves?
- _____ Cavities or holes in trees - *how did this happen? Who might live there?*
- _____ A stonewall - *why is it here?*
- _____ A squirrel’s nest - *are they in there right now?*
- _____ “Turkey Tail” shelf mushrooms on a tree
- _____ Find some berries in a bush (do not eat!) - *What color are they?*
- _____ Shells on the path - how did they get here?
- _____ Whale Rock at the end of the path - *What does it look like to you?*
- _____ Fuzzy ferns or fiddleheads?
- _____ An osprey sitting on its nest in the marsh?
- _____ Find a few worm castings along the dirt center of the path!

LISTEN...



- _____ For an osprey calling in the sky...
- _____ The call of a bird - *who is it?*
- _____ The wind in the trees
- _____ The rustle of leaves as you walk in the wooded area
- _____ The ocean waves crashing or moving over rocks
- _____ Near the vernal pools...Do you HEAR the *frogs* calling?

DO...



- _____ **Smell** the salt air as you approach the ocean!
- _____ **Smell** the wet moss or dirt!
- _____ **Feel** the moss and lichen
- _____ **Count**: What is the highest number of trees you can find growing from one trunk?
- _____ **Touch** the sand and/or seaweed with your hand or foot - *is it cool or warm from the sun? Is it wet or dry?*
- _____ **Take** a selfie with your family on Whale Rock!