



Nature Trails

Take Eves' Laneway (1 km) to the Sugar Shack Trail (1 km) and/or David's Graveyard Trail (2.2 km) to enjoy nature at Topsy Farms

Use 4 of your 5 senses to fully experience nature! Look for evidence of animals, feel the rocks, hear the birds chirping, and smell the fresh air!



- Road
- Trail
- Lake
- Trees
- Forest
- Field





Explore a variety of rocks along the trail. There are sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic! Touch them. Do they have different textures? Sedimentary rocks are made of grains and likely feel smoother than igneous and metamorphic rocks that are made from crystals.



In the spring you will see lots of water on Topsy Farms. How is the water moving and where has it accumulated? Water obeys gravity and wants to move down. When there is no space to move down into the ground, water will collect and cause local flooding. Spring tends to be the wettest time of year because of snow melt and rain.



As you walk along the trail you will notice a section that has an electric fence. Be careful not to touch it or you will get a small shock. Why is there an electric fence here? Well, you aren't the only animals to use the trail, Topsy cows, Willow and Cedar, also walk this trail.



David's Graveyard is not only home to old farm equipment but also evidence of predators. Can you find bones along the trail? These bones are from an animal that has died. Luckily, in nature nothing gets wasted and this animal would have been food for others, such as coyotes.



The Sugar Shack trail will lead you to an old building that was historically used to make maple syrup. Explore the trees around the sugar shack. Many of these trees are sugar maples that are tapped in the spring to collect their sap. Sap is then concentrated to create maple syrup! Sap is water that contains sugars the tree has been storing over winter. These sugars provide food for the tree to create leaves.



The forests you are walking through contain lots of life! What evidence of wildlife can you find? Tracks? Scat (aka poo)? Chewed branches? Although it may be harder to find the animals themselves, you can always find evidence they were there. Take a moment to see what evidence you can find!

