

## Hemlock Grove Preserve

### Letterbox Location #5

Difficulty: Easy

Walking distance total: .5 miles

Hemlock Grove Preserve was granted to Scarborough Land Trust for conservation when the neighboring development was planned. On the property are seasonal and perennial streams that flow into the Dunstan River, and wetland plants like skunk cabbage can be seen lining the sides of the streams.

Directions & Clues: Begin walking on the White Pine Way trail to the right of the kiosk. You will walk through an eastern white pine corridor, and then the trail will split, go left to follow the Esker trail.

Look off to your right, you will notice a gully which is a glacial feature called an esker. Eskers are comprised of sand, gravel, and boulders and create knolls and steep gullies. Eskers are formed by subglacial rivers depositing sand and stone that was scraped up by the glacier as it travelled across the landscape. You will pass another esker on the right.

Follow the trail left around the bend, and off to your left, there will be a double-stemmed northern red oak. The letterbox is between the two trunks.



Glacial Esker

*Feel free to collect a Junior Steward sticker, but please remember to return all items to the container: stamp, ink pad, pencils, and journal. Please be sure to place the bin inside the bag and hide it safely where you found it.*

Continue your hike: You can continue on the Esker trail, which will cut across to the Carpenter Court trail, or you can take your next right, which will lead you to the .5 mile Town Loop Trail.

Thank you for visiting Hemlock Grove Preserve!