

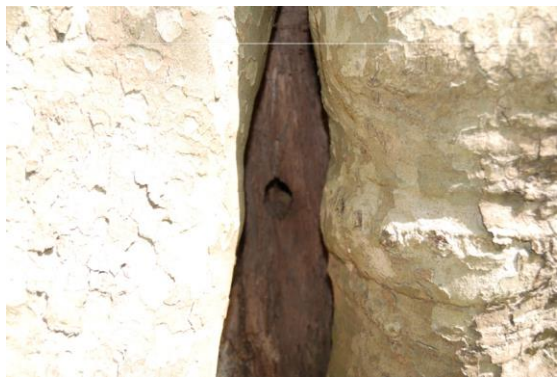






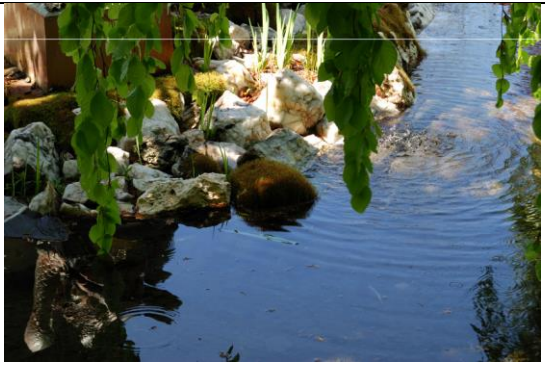
Picture from the Halifax Public Garden	See if you can find . . .
	<p>... a tree who's bark comes off in long vertical strips</p>
	<p>... a tree that has a natural "cave" built into it? What animals might use it as a home? Be careful about looking too closely at a hole – you do not know what might come out in a hurry!</p>
	<p>Look into the tree cave and see if you can see the hole inside the cave. Several different types of animals probably live in the cave. This picture would otherwise be very dark as it is looking into the cave – the flash had to be on to capture the internal hole.</p> <p>What might live in this hole?</p>
	<p>... Devil's Walking Stick is a type of tree that has very sharp thorns on it when the tree is young.</p> <p>See if you can spot the thorns – do NOT touch! They are very pointy and will cut through your skin.</p>





Spark / Ember / Guide Scavenger Hunt at the Halifax Public Gardens

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<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
	... trees that look “weepy” – they are types of willows. The park has quite a few species.
	... a tree that has orange leaves in the spring!
	... a red maple tree that is conspicuously red at the height of spring growth.
	... trees that are budding.







<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
 A close-up photograph of spruce tree branches. The foreground shows vibrant, lighter green new growth with thin, delicate needles. Behind it, older growth is visible, appearing as a darker green with thicker, more densely packed needles.	<p>... new growth on spruce trees. The new growth are a lighter green compared to the older growth (behind it which is a darker green with thinner needles).</p>
 A close-up photograph of tree bark heavily covered with lichen. The lichen appears as irregular, light-colored patches with a somewhat crystalline or leafy texture, contrasting with the darker, rougher bark.	<p>... a tree that has lichen on its bark. Lichen is actually eating the tree away!</p>
 A photograph of a tree trunk covered in Old Man's Beard moss. The moss grows in long, shaggy, greyish-white strands that resemble a beard, clinging to the bark of the tree.	<p>... Old Man's Beard. a type of moss that grows on trees. It looks like an old man's beard! What side of the tree does it grow on?</p>
 A photograph of a stream with moss growing on the rocks along its edge. The moss is a vibrant green and appears to be breaking down the rocks it sits on. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery.	<p>... moss which is like lichen in that it breaks down things. Moss will also sit on a rock and break it down over a long time period. They are more commonly found on trees.</p>





<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
	<p>... a stump with a hole in it. What animal could have lived in there?</p>
	<p>The above stump also has a side entrance to the right – what advantage would this give to the animal(s) living there</p>
	<p>... a stump with clean cut holes. These are likely eaten out by beetles or caterpillars.</p>
	<p>... three leaf clovers!</p>





<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
	... a flower that is originally from another country (Japan!)
	... pretty yellow flowers that are NOT dandelions.
	... buttercups
	... rhododendrons (Iron Clad)

<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
	... “quckers” swimming on the ponds – can you hear them too?.
	... leaves with holes in them are evidence that animals have come by for a snack.
	... honkers at the park. They are in an enclosure. Can you hear them?
	



Picture from the Halifax Public Garden	See if you can find . . .
	<p>... a very wet pigeon (or starling) after a bath. Birds wash themselves to get ticks off and because they like feeling clean too. However, immediately after a bath they cannot fly as they're feathers are full of water.</p>
	<p>... bugs that skate or swim ON the water! You can barely see the bugs but you can see the tell tale v-shaped wake that is trailing behind them. They are near the pond by the pump house at the park.</p>
<p>could not get a good picture</p>	<p>... bugs that swim UNDER the water as well.</p>
	<p>... small fishes in some of the ponds.</p>
	<p>... bubbles and froth near the edges of ponds.</p>

<b>Picture from the Halifax Public Garden</b>	<i>See if you can find . . .</i>
	<p>... mushrooms. They have characteristics of plants and animals. Do NOT touch any mushrooms that you see – assume they are poisonous unless told otherwise!</p>
	<p>... the highest point at the park. Where do you think the lowest point would be?</p>