CITIZEN SCIENCE · MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Seen a salamander, snake, or turtle in the park?

Help with a herpetological survey — salamander, snake, and turtle sightings all matter.

HOW TO HELP

1. Upload your observation to **iNaturalist**. Date and time fill in from your photo — you just **set the location** by dropping the pin where you made the sighting.
2. Or email a picture to **A.Richards001@umb.edu** with the **date, time, and location** — send coordinates or a screenshot of a dropped pin.

Please do not handle wildlife. Photographs only; even harmless snakes may bite if handled.

Scan to log on iNaturalist

HELP US TRACK THESE



Blanding's Turtle

Emydoidea blandingii

Domed black shell flecked with yellow and a bright yellow chin and throat. Travels overland between wetlands.



Eastern Box Turtle

Terrapene carolina

High-domed shell with orange-yellow markings; hinged plastron closes up tight. A land turtle of woods and edges.



Spotted Turtle

Clemmys guttata

Small black turtle scattered with round yellow spots. In shallow wetlands, bogs, and vernal pools.



Blue-spotted Salamander

Ambystoma laterale

Slender black salamander flecked with pale blue. Under logs and leaf litter near vernal pools.



Brown Snake

Storeria dekayi

Small, secretive brown snake with two rows of dark spots. Common even in towns, under logs and leaf litter.



Milk Snake

Lampropeltis triangulum

Gray-tan with black-ringed red-brown blotches. Near stone walls and buildings; sometimes mistaken for a copperhead.



Northern Water Snake

Nerodia sipedon

Stout, dark-banded snake basking on rocks or swimming along streams, ponds, and wetland edges.



Ring-necked Snake

Diadophis punctatus

Slate-gray snake with a bright yellow-orange neck ring and belly. Hidden under rocks, logs, and leaf litter.

About the survey equipment

You may come across survey equipment in the park: metal and wood coverboards that attract snakes, occasional turtle traps in ponds, and minnow traps set for amphibians. These are all part of the survey — please do not disturb or move them.

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