



2020

Forests of the Arden Patch Program

Name :

To get your 2020 Patch

1. Program runs from September 13, 2019-July 26, 2020 and is open to all residents of the Ardens and the communities that border Sherwood Forest and The Arden Woods.
2. Complete 5 of the possible 10 tasks. To get credit for each task, write the date you completed the activity in your passport.
3. Patches will be approximately 3" and will feature Hop Rocks design. Patches will be ordered and distributed after the program ends in July.
4. Return your completed passport to 2119 The Highway; Arden DE 19810 c/o Arden Forest Committee or return to a forest committee member.

- Attend a forest-related event in the Ardens. This can be a sponsored hike, lecture, campfire event, Women in the Woods, or Pancake in the Woods (for residents of the Ardens.)
- Hike the trails on the Sunnyside Tract.**
- Identify 10 trees, shrubs, or plants on or near your leashold/property and determine if they are non-native/invasive by going to www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic
- In April 2020, Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! Do one of the following: attend a Christina River Watershed cleanup, attend Arbor Day Tree-planting in April 2020, enter the Ardens' Essay or coloring contest for students, attend Arden's Earth Day Celebration.**
- Pull invasives during a scheduled pulling party in any of the Forests of the Ardens or organize your own invasive pulling party. * Organizing your own party and publicizing on social media counts as two points.
- Observe how insects/caterpillars you can spot on a single native tree. How many are there? Are there many different kinds? Compare that number of insects/caterpillars you find on a non-native tree. Late spring/early summer is good time to do this. www.bringingnaturehome.net**
- Take a field trip locally in the greater Wilmington, Brandywine Valley Area. Examples: Go to an event at a local nature center, Tour garden (such as Longwood), hike in a DE state forest, bike the new Trail from the Wilmington Waterfront to New Castle or the DE Greenway. Do the ropes/ziplining course at Lumbs Pond. Compare what you see to the natural setting around the Ardens.
- Go Hop-rocking in Naaman's Creek in the Arden Forest. Look under a rock for animal life.**
- Post a photo of plant or animal life found around the Ardens to Forests of the Ardens Facebook page
- Hike to the newly restored section of Sherwood Forest. (Enter Sherwood from the end The Highway and follow flags.)**
- Help with occasional monitoring the newly restored section of Sherwood Forest. Contact Carol Larson to find out details.