

BUG location clues for MHLC's 2026 Summer Hike-a-thon Scavenger Hunt

preserve name	clue
Hollyhock Hollow	There's a caterpillar waiting on the Purple Trail, near the intersection with Red and Yellow you'll find him no fail; Less traveled is this nice little loop, enjoy the walk with your group!
Winn Preserve	Here you are at The Winn, where you will wear a happy grin, for if you seek, and if you spy, you will find the dragonfly. She's down the white path, that dragonfly lady, in a wide-open spot, both sunny and shady
Philipin Kill	In the middle of the woods that grew, the white trail cuts right through; High on a ridge with the creek running beneath, the bug is sitting on a leaf.
Mosher Marsh	The green grasshopper is quite fond of the pond. When the trail splits, head right to find where he sits. When you get to the boardwalk do not pass, look for this one high above the grass.
Strawberry Fields	On red with a view of the valley below, this striking patterned moth is one to know. This spot he's found is great to hide, so sit for a bit to see far and wide.
Wolf Creek Falls	You'll find me on the North side of the Preserve, on the white trail near Wolf Creek, doing what I do best. I'm helping decompose dead wood into soil.
Keleher Preserve	East on the white trail we race, to find this cute beetle's hiding place; across the footbridge and past the little hill a smidge; he'll bring a smile to your face.
Van Dyke	Out for a stroll the sun beams; it reflects upon the meandering stream; find the bench and know that you are near; spot the bug and we'll give you a cheer!
Holt Preserve	Before you hike the trails so fast, take a rest where a fishing line might be cast; Sitting on the bench, just turn around to see; quite the beauty this bug, I am sure you'll agree.
Bozen Kill- lower	You'll find me flying low across the fields helping to pollinate the many flowers in this field.
Bozen Kill-upper	For this bug you'll head to Upper not Lower, searching the trails you'll go a bit slower. Little red beetle climbing a tree, where green meets red come find me.
Schoharie Creek	The yellow trail is one to take, by the little pond, which is certainly no lake; On your left, spot the tree fallen to the ground; this little bug is ready to be found.
Bennett Hill	Flying around on the trails all day, I need a soak to wash the dirt away; No soap and no scrub, just a dip in the tub; now I'm waiting here and ready to play.
Normans Kill East	For a fun-filled ladybug find, a hike through the woods you won't mind; While walking to the creek for a pretty site, be sure to keep an eye to the right; This little bug is sure to delight.
Normans Kill West	Ready for a scavenger hunt thrill, hike down past the mighty Normans Kill; before the wooden walkways, this grasshopper rests nowadays; hanging out on a log to just chill.
Schiffendecker	Just over the bridge, before the trail splits; there a colorful butterfly sits. For your photo, I'll happily pose; for an ice cream treat that everyone knows!

Ashford Glen	Overlooking the flow of the creek, you'll find the bug that you seek; A beetle so small and bright, will easily come into sight; So I hope every hiker will stop for a peek .
Restifo	We creep and we crawl, but we are not bugs at all; Low to the ground we sit, nestled where the trunk has split; spot us best on the way back y'all!
Swift	Butterflies at Swift Preserve? Yes,so you've heard! On its location here's the scoop; you'll find it on a tree within the red loop. Now take a selfie for the ice cream you deserve!
Touhey Family	Over by the water, come look for me. I'm buzzing and I'm pollinating as happy as can bee.
Bender Melon Farm	Blue karner butterfly: I need oak savannas and pine barrens and will only eat blue lupine, so I am on David's Trail looking toward the field in search of food.
Noonan	Down by the water where the stream goes by; look up high I'm blue and I fly.
Fox	Buzzing around your picnic lunch, some people hate me a bunch. But I can't help it, no I can't resist; these tasty treats are tops on my list. I am dreaming of flowers filled with sugar and crunch!
Alplaus Kill	Head past the fields of grasses to find me, 100 yards into the woods and you will see; I'm a fun green beetle climbing a tree.

RIDDLE CHALLENGE:

Just south of the Mohawk, off Vly Creek, this little preserve is the one you seek. For 26 years as one of MHLC's, a neighborhood gem full of plants and tall trees; There's only one trail, so hardly a clue, but two yellow beetles are waiting on blue. Where the tree root steps over you'll see, an unlikely beetle-that's me! Want one more, it's no trouble, head to the creek to see double. Two beetles as different as can be.