

Group Ecological Survey

Key Components

Each group of students will submit an ecological survey that includes the following:

1. Points of ecological and recreational interest.
2. Description of forest composition including tree density, dominance, and diversity.
3. Best guess of land use history/successional history including evidence
4. An animal checklist of all species observed in the groups site(s).
5. A vegetation of all plant species observed in the groups site(s)
6. Observations & Filed Notes that may include:
 - Seasonal weather and daylight hour changes during project period.
 - Seasonal observations: weekly migration updates (birds), flowering periods, insect hatches, reptiles and amphibians seen, etc.
 - Geologic observations
7. Map showing study area and where it is in the Westminster Town Forest.
8. Representative photos of areas of ecological interest.
9. GPS coordinates with accompanying datasheet describing waypoints