

This Nature Poetry Walk is a collaboration between the Etna Public Library and the Hanover Conservancy.



Nature Poetry Challenge

We hope this poetry walk will inspire you to write a nature-themed poem or two. We encourage you to submit poems to the Etna Library (Etna.Library@hanovernh.org) and we will compile a special poetry collection at the end of the summer.

Hayes Farm Park is managed by the Town of Hanover Conservation Commission with assistance from a neighborhood stewardship committee.

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About Hayes Farm Park

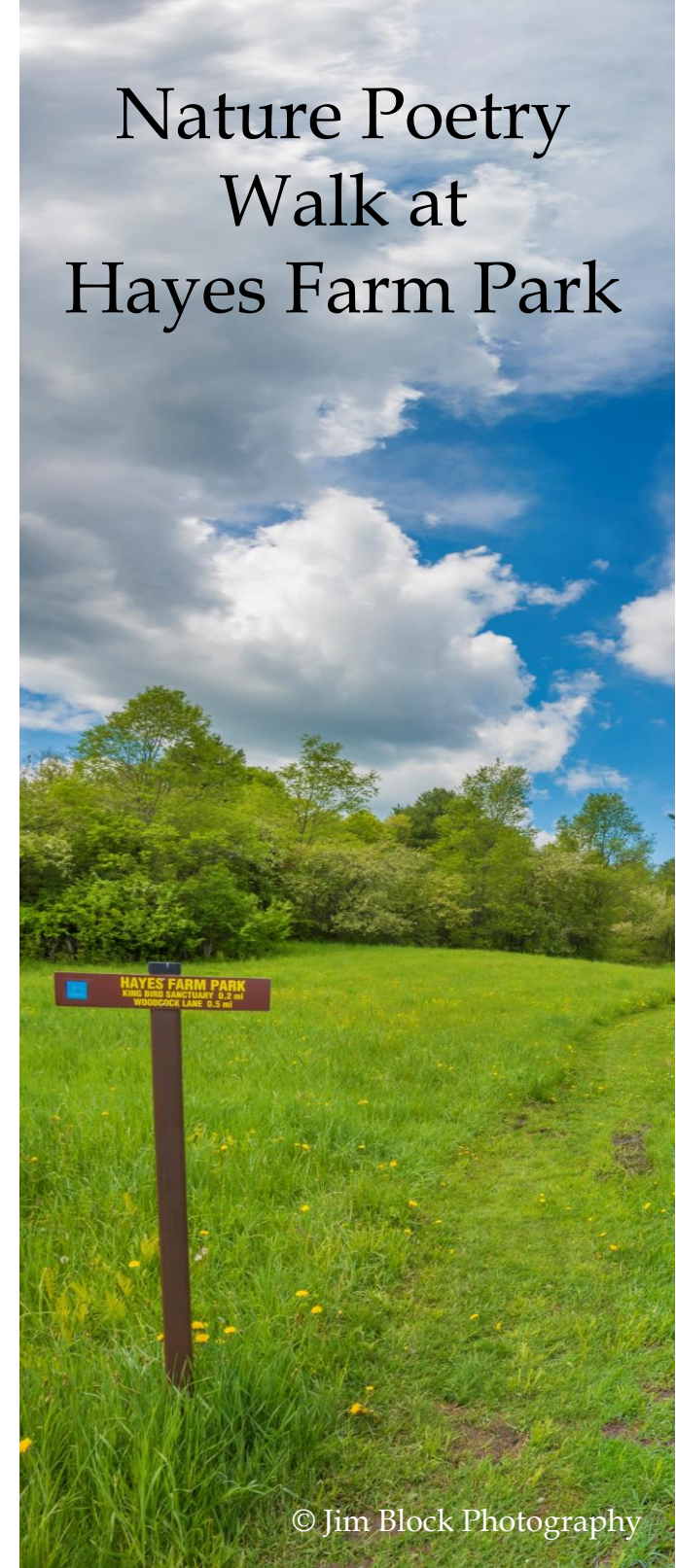
In May 2010, the Town of Hanover purchased 9.4 acres from the estate of Ethel Hayes. This acquisition enabled expansion of the Etna Library including a safe parking lot; creation of a community park for informal outdoor recreation with fields and trails; and protection of the upper meadow as permanent conservation land. This purchase, together with the previously-conserved Trescott Ridge Wetlands, comprises the 23.4 acres of the **Hayes Farm Park.**



In 2011, the **King Bird Sanctuary** was created on the upper meadow by the Hanover Conservancy using memorial funds given in honor of Nan and Allen King, prominent Hanover conservationists and Conservancy members. The sanctuary features a variety of planted native trees and shrubs beneficial to local wildlife, and a memorial garden bench.



Nature Poetry Walk at Hayes Farm Park



Welcome to this Nature Poetry Walk which includes a variety of nature-themed poems for all ages.



During this time of closure and physical distancing, we wanted to offer a safe, self-guided activity that would promote a love of poetry and provide a deeper connection to the natural world as you experience the beauty of Hayes Farm Park.



We hope you enjoy this nature poetry walk. All poem sources are indicated and copyrights, permission and publishers were obtained for as many poems as possible.

List of Poems (alphabetically)

A Barred Owl

Richard Wilbur

A Blessing for the Woods

Michael S. Glaser

Advice from a Tree

Ilan Shamir

ah, happy crow

Raj Arumugam

Bed in Summer

Robert Louis Stevenson

Bees

Orel Protopopescu

Birth of a Flower

Riss Ryker

Bluebird

Aileen Fisher

Butterfly Smiles

Bruce Larkin

Butterfly Summer

Mattie J.T. Stepanik

Daisy Time

Marjorie Lowry Christie Pickthall

Earth Song

Langston Hughes

Forest Walk

Kristine O'Connell George

Frog and Toad

J. Patrick Lewis

“Hope” is the thing with feathers

Emily Dickinson

If I Were a Tree

Norma Martiri



Natural History

E.B. White

Nature Trail

Benjamin Zephaniah

On the Grasshopper and the Cricket

John Keats

Out among the Big Things

Arthur Chapman

The Cardinal

Alice E. Ball

The Chickadee

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Great Blue Summer

Meg Wiseman

The Little Turtle

Vachel Lindsay

The Painted Earth

Alyssa Murray

The Peace of Wild Things

Wendell Berry

The Poet Tree

Shel Silverstein

The Song Bird

Pamela Griffiths

The Song Sparrow

Henry Van Dyke

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

To a Child

Sophie Jewett

Who Has Seen The Wind?

Christina Rossetti

