

Celebrating the seasons series continues at Prescott Farm

LACONIA – The natural world is constantly changing. If you take the time to look, each month brings new and exciting phenomena to learn from and delight in.

Using author Mary Holland's book *Naturally Curious* as a month-by-month guide to the wonders unfolding in the fields, forests and wetlands of New England, each month participants will go on a leisurely hike with one of Prescott Farm's naturalists, with the goal of cultivating their observation skills

and deepening each person's relationship with the natural world.

The December theme is "Signage". Many creatures have disappeared from sight. Those that remain include "feeder birds," those whose interactions present an opportunity to assess hierarchy within a flock as well as between a species

While there are fewer mammals around, the signs of those that remain active are more evident, and change daily. As soon as the first snow falls, animal signs — be

they tracks, scat, scent posting, feeding holes, or markings of any kind — offer the observer an intimate look at animal activity.

Plants, for the most part, are dormant, with next year's growth safely sealed within protective buds, awaiting lengthening days.

There will be an adults only hike on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by a families hike from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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