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July 2012

ALDO LEOPOLD
on July...

"One hundred and twenty acres, according to the County Clerk, is the extent of my worldly domain. Books or no books, it is a fact, patent both to my dog and myself, that at daybreak I am the sole owner of all the acres I can walk over. It is not only boundaries that disappear, but also the thought of being bounded.

"Like other great landowners, I have tenants. They are negligent about rents, but very punctilious about tenures. Indeed at every daybreak they proclaim their boundaries to each other. At 3:35 am the nearest field sparrow avows that he holds the jackpine copse north to the riverbank and south to the old wagon track. One by one all the other field sparrows within earshot recite their respective holdings. The robin in the big elm warbles loudly his claim to the crotch where the icestorm tore off a limb and all the appurtenances pertaining thereto (meaning, in his case, all the angleworms in the subjacent lawn).

"The oriole now tells the world of orioles that the pendant branch of the elm

Summer's Here

Go Outside and Play!

Active, outdoor teens are happier teens, according to a study published in the new issue of *Pediatrics*. Teens who participated in more moderate-to-vigorous outdoor activity had higher scores relating to overall health and social

functioning than those who spent more time indoors, report Australian researchers. Youths in their study spent an overall average of 3.3 hours a day playing video games, watching television or doing other sedentary activities, compared with only 2.1 hours in physical activity. [Read the article](#). It's easy to find outdoor fun nearby at a Hanover Conservancy natural area. Visit our [website](#) for trail maps and locations.



Invasives, Beware!

Spreading exotic plants are cause for a certain kind of celebration - a pulling party. Those seeking vengeance on these intruders have several opportunities to pitch in. Evict them from protected land and learn to spot them on your own back forty.

- **July 7, 9-11am** - Glossy buckthorn seedling pull at Mink Brook Nature Preserve, sponsored by Mink Brook Stewardship Committee. Meet at Brook Road gate. [More info](#)
- **July 11, 4-6:30 pm** - Garlic mustard pull next to Mink Brook Nature Preserve. Meet at Upper Valley Land Trust at 19 Buck Road. [More info](#)
- **July 17, 18, & 21, 8am-noon** - Tangle with barberry threatening the King Bird Sanctuary behind Etna Library. Park behind Etna Fire Station. Led by Scout Fletcher Passow; refreshments by Hanover Conservation Commission. [More info](#)

For inspiration, check out these before & after photos of a stone wall at our [King Bird Sanctuary](#).



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belongs to him, together with all milkweed stalks nearby, all loose strings in the garden, and the right to flash like a burst of fire from one to another. The indigo bunting on the hill asserts title to the dead oak limb and to divers nearby bugs and bushes...and the right to out-blue all bluebirds.

"We sally forth, the dog and I. He has paid scant respect to all these vocal goings-on, for to him the evidence of tenantry is not song, but scent. Any illiterate bundle of feathers, he says, can make a noise in a tree. Now he is going to translate for me the olfactory poems that silent creatures have written in the summer night. At the end of each poem sits the author - if we can find him."

A Sand County Almanac
[More on Aldo Leopold](#)

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Applesauce-Knotweed Cake, Anyone?

If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em!

The New England Wildflower Society now offers recipes for the vengeful epicure. While most recipes are best made with the tender spring shoots of these thugs, we'll admit that we just stumbled on this website and found it too good not to pass on, knowing you'll want to bookmark it, too. Recipes and much more [here](#).

Equipment Needed

Are you downsizing or upgrading? We'd love to help you clean out your closet! The Hanover Conservancy is looking for a four-drawer file cabinet and a few pairs of binoculars. Please [get in touch](#) if you can help.



Greensboro Highlands Trail

Come explore the new trail at our [Greensboro Ridge Natural Area](#), which finally has a name. Find this "porthole" tree, follow a vein of quartz, and admire the smooth, velvety fins of granite along the path. We're busy updating our trail map and will post it soon, along with new trail signs. Visit our website to download a map.

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