



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

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ALDO LEOPOLD
on October...

"The tamaracks grow... where springs break forth...and where the fringed gentians have lifted blue jewels. Such an October gentian, dusted with tamarack gold, is worth a full stop and a long look.

"Getting up too early is a vice habitual in horned owls, stars, geese, and freight trains. Early risers feel at ease with each other, perhaps, because unlike those who sleep late, they are given to understatement of their own achievements.

Orion, the most widely traveled, says literally nothing. The owl, in his trisyllabic commentary, plays down the story of the night's murders. The goose, rising briefly to a point of order in some inaudible anserine debate, lets fall no hint that he speaks with the authority of all the far hills and the sea.

Finding Hidden Hanover

Join our leaders to explore out-of-the-way spots with fascinating stories, like the drylaid stone bridge at right carrying Cory Road over a tributary of Mink Brook. Here's what's coming up:



- Historic Cory Road - Sat. 10/6
- Insider's View from Lord's Hill - Sun. 10/14
- Tour of Prescott Water Company Lands (space limited to members only, [registration required](#), filling fast)- Sat. 10/20
- Find the Town Forest: Bike & Hike - Sat. 10/27

Details, including meeting times and places, leaders, and level of difficulty are posted [here](#). If you're not yet a member, we hope you'll [join today](#).

Fight the Bite

Longtime Hanover Conservancy member Audrey McCollum called recently to remind us to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and bug dope when heading out to the woods. She's concerned about the [EEE](#) and [West Nile](#) viruses. Consider a repellent with 30% DEET or oil of lemon eucalyptus, and avoid the busy mosquito times of dusk to dawn (Aldo

"To arrive too early in the marsh is an adventure in pure listening: the ear roams at will among the noises of the night. When you hear a mallard being audibly enthusiastic about his soup, you are free to picture a score guzzling among the duckweeds. [This] lasts only as long as darkness humbles the arrogant. By sun-up every squirrel is exaggerating some fancied indignity to his person. Distant crows are berating a hypothetical owl, just to tell the world how vigilant crows are."

A Sand County Almanac
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Leopold notwithstanding). Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets, barrels, and tires. It will take several killing frosts to get the best of those beasts.



What in the Woods is This?

Fall is a wonderful time for hunting mushrooms, and we recently came upon this one decorating the forest near Cory Road. This bright and beautiful, edible fungus is called "Chicken of the Woods." Look for this member of the genus

Laetiporus growing on decaying hardwoods. [More](#)
(Always use caution and educate yourself before considering whether to consume a wild mushroom).

Workshop on Invasive Plants - Oct. 2

Mark your calendar for this session at the Montshire Museum about invasive plants, native replacements, and a look at how the Montshire has made that transition over the past decade. Invasives are gaining ground in the Upper Valley, and it takes many eyes and hands to keep ahead of them. [More](#)

Annual Report Now Available

Revisit the last very eventful year with the Hanover Conservancy through our FY2012 Annual Report, now [available on line](#). If your copy didn't arrive in the mail, perhaps your membership has lapsed? Thanks for your participation and support!

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