



Letterboxing

Letterboxing combines artistic ability with "treasure-hunts" in parks, forests, and cities around the world. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes by following clues.

One of Fuller Craft Museum's most cherished assets is its natural landscape. Located on 22 wooded acres, the Museum has stunning views of Porter's Pond and the Frederick Law Olmstead-designed D.W. Field Park.

Hidden throughout this beautiful campus are five letter-boxes for you to discover, using the clues on the next page to find them. Inside the boxes is a logbook, a unique self-inking stamp, and a pencil.

This series of letterboxes takes you down Fuller Craft's nature trail—Caroline's Pathway—and along the Fuller Craft grounds, it is fairly easy for first timers and children.

Letterboxers stamp their discoveries in a personal journal, then use their own rubber stamp, called a *signature stamp*, to stamp into a letterbox's logbook. If you're new to Letterboxing, or don't have your own journal with you, there is space to add stamps within this booklet of clues.

BEGINNING YOUR SEARCH

Begin your journey at the back parking lot nearest to the Education Entrance on the lower level of the Museum. To the left of the building you will see a path into the woods labeled Caroline's Pathway.

The path is approximately 1/4 mile long and has some uneven, rocky terrain. Three letterboxes are located on or near the path. Be careful of poison ivy which is prevalent in the woods off the path.

BASIC RULES OF LETTERBOXING

- *Children should always be accompanied by an adult.*
- *Always tightly close and re-hide the boxes thoroughly so they are not accidentally discovered by animals, people or ruined by the weather.*
- *Please explore the grounds and paths only during museum hours.*

Museum Hours:

Tuesday—Sunday, 10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

it is winter, use your imagination). Look at the base of this tree for your treasure.



The sassafras tree can grow as tall as 40 feet, but many in our forest are only 4-5 feet high. It is easily distinguished by its leaves that grow in three different shapes: the "mitten," the leaf, and the "ghost." It can have a lemony odor and its root oil is used as a flavoring to make a root beer-like tonic.

LETTERBOX #3 THE NUTTY SQUIRREL

From the Sassy Tree, return to the path. Walk approximately 30 paces to a five foot high boulder



that juts out into the trail on your left. Across from the boulder will be a large Oak tree. Nutty Squirrel loves to hang out near this tree.

Our forest is full of a variety of oak trees, including the red oak. Wood of the red oak is often used in construction, and is a common nesting tree for both birds and squirrels. Its acorns are an important food source in the winter when other tree's acorns have already germinated and become unavailable to animals as food.



LETTERBOX #4 THE SNEAKY SNAKE

From the Nutty Squirrel, turn back the way you came and continue to follow the driveway (parking lot) around the side of the Museum. You will come to a circular drive and the entry bridge to Fuller Craft's main entrance. Facing the bridge, look to your right for a set of stone stairs. Follow them to seek a rock that says "sanctuary"