

# Ballston Creek Preserve Letterbox

## History

Each year a rare Pink Heron leaves behind a special egg, hidden in its secret nest on the Ballston Creek Preserve. Your job is to use the clues below to locate the treasure.

## Start:

Enter the Ballston Creek Preserve on Pat's trail and observe your surroundings. Herons can be anywhere, on the ground, in the trees, keep an eye out for evidence of this one.

Just past the 3 moss covered rocks and parallel to the stone wall,  
In an interesting place you will find a Pink Heron nest, small  
Filled with feathers inside  
Now you know where Pink Herons hide  
Look for these feathers hanging along the path during your adventure  
Letterboxing proves to be a risky venture

Over the foot bridge and across the clearing  
Pause and use your hearing  
In the distance you may hear a Heron splash and call  
You are getting closer to the special egg after all

Under the power lines to where a tree fell down  
Estuarine grass covers the ground  
Along the stonewall close to a cluster of pine trees  
Stands one great big old growth tree

Down the road just past this tree  
You'll find after rain the path transforms into a sea  
Use the logs to get across the mush  
Hold onto the sticks and brush

Up the hill cross the stone wall  
The trail bends to the left, don't fall!  
The path intersects with a big pine tree's face  
Don't stop, keep your pace

Follow the path down the hill  
Cross the stream using the fallen tree, enjoy the thrill  
Turn north at the woodpecker tree  
The feathers become yellow, as you'll start to see

There are two large trees parallel, as you approach the waters shore  
You shouldn't have to look that hard anymore

Stop, think, and turn around  
Think back to the first Heron nest you found  
Now look for places underground

You found it! Inside this box you will find the “nest egg” of the Heron. Use the Fern to mark your notebook, and make an entry in ours to when you visited and who you were with. You’ll also find post cards inside the box that you can send a note back to us about your adventure.

Thanks for hunting!

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