

Dr. Orra Phelps Letterbox

Shelter from the rain

Start:

Cup your hand behind your ears and see if you can hear where the water is. Or, take a deep breath and see if you can smell the water. This will be your direction of travel – you need to get down to the water.

If the water is not drawing you in through smell or sounds, then you should follow the trail east/northeast starting at the Kiosk moving about 96 paces to a fork in the trail, at the fork make the correct decision and head north. Have you noticed any ferns along the way? What about signs of animals? Which way is the wind blowing?

From the fork it is 167 of Derek Stork's (Saratoga P.L.A.N. intern 2009) paces until you reach the bottom of this hill.

Here there will be a bridge on your left built by the Open Space Institute before Saratoga P.L.A.N. was formed. You could either turn left to go over this bridge, or right. Please head northeast at about 50 degrees. The wind should still be hitting you the same as before (unless it changed directions in that short time)!

In 90 paces you will see a bench. This may be a good time to take a rest and enjoy the stream. Where does this stream come from? Where does it go? Remember that there is a letterbox to find and it is hidden somewhere close by.

From the bench, keep heading northeast about 61 paces to an old evergreen stump on the north side of the trail. Could this stump be older than you?

From the stump there is a hill that rises to your right, but you are worried about what is to your left. Stand on the stump, or next to the stump and look at the stream being careful if it is wet. Try to find what is unique and different about the bank of the stream in front of you. You may wish to take another few steps.

We can't give the letterbox location away...but we can give one last clue.

If 5 inches tall was the height of you, and it was pouring rain what would you do? Where is a ledge providing shelter for you? This was your last clue.