



YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs

LETTERBOXING

LETTERBOXING at YMCA Camp Sloper is a fun way to enjoy your walk or hike. It combines navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry in a charming "treasure hunt" style outdoor quest. A wide variety of adventures can be found to suit all ages and experience levels. Letterboxers hide small, weatherproof boxes in publicly-accessible places and distribute clues to finding them.



**To start letterboxing, all you need is
a notebook, a stamp, a pen, and an ink pad!**

What to Do: Our letterboxes contain a notebook and a rubber stamp. Finders make an imprint of the letterbox's stamp, either on their personal notebook or on a postcard, and leave an impression of their personal stamp on the letterbox's "visitors' book" or "logbook" — as proof of having found the box. You can also write the date the letterbox was found in both logs. In your personal notebook, you may want to journal special details about your adventure that day.

To find out more, visit www.letterboxing.org or www.atlasquest.com

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Letterboxing - Black Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk across field toward power lines heading toward the Sledding Hill.

- Follow the Black trail uphill through the field.
- At Yellow intersection, stay straight following Black blazes.
- At Blue intersection, stay straight following Black blazes.
- At Purple intersection, stay straight following Black blazes.
- Follow Black blazes out of the field into the woods.
- Follow the Black blazes through a rocky path and up a very steep rocky ledge curving to the left.
- Follow the Black blazes along a narrow path heading to the left. You will come to a small clearing with a small tree growing up from a pile of rocks.
- Look for Black blazes on the rock face and follow path between the boulders.
- Follow a small path leading up over another boulder.
- At the top of the boulders, follow the Black blazes into a field and to the right toward the power lines.
- Follow trail as it heads into the woods.
- The Black letterbox will be behind the first Black trail marker in the woods. Look behind the tree under a log covered with leaves and bark.

41 degrees 35' 16"N 72 degrees 49' 47"W

Please make sure to cover the letterbox well when you are finished.

Black Box Location



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Letterboxing - Blue Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk toward Amphitheater and Pooler Pavilion.

- Follow the Green trail between Pooler Pavilion and Archery, keeping Sloper Pond on your left.
- Look for the blue trail on the right hand side
- Follow the blue trail to the right up a hill.
- At Orange intersection, stay straight following Blue blazes.
- At next Orange intersection, stay straight following Blue blazes.
- Cross over a stone wall.
- Follow blue blazes to wooden bridge.
- At the end of the wooden bridge, there will be a large rock on the right.
- The Blue letterbox is behind this rock under rocks and twigs.

41 degrees 35' 19"N 72 degrees 50' 1"W

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Blue Box Location



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Letterboxing - Green Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk toward Amphitheater and Pooler Pavilion.

- Follow the Green trail between Pooler Pavilion and Archery, keeping Sloper Pond on your left.
- Pass Blue trail intersection on your right.
- Keep following Green blazes, eventually they will lead to the left and over a wooden bridge.
- Pass a giant 3 Hugger tree with a Green blaze on your right. (A 3 Hugger tree takes 3 people to wrap arms around the tree completely.)
- Pass Sunset Point on your left.
- Pass through a series of sister trees. (Sister trees means that multiple trunks rise up from the bottom.) On your left come to a 4 sister tree.
- From the 4 sister tree, take 41 paces (a pace equals 2 steps) along the trail.
- Come to a tree on the left with a split in it's side.
- The Green letterbox will be inside this split covered with pine needles and pine cones.

41 degrees 35' 33"N 72 degrees 50' 19"W

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Green Box Location



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Letterboxing - Orange Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk toward the Meade Pavilion. The Orange trail starts right behind Meade Pavilion.

- Follow the orange blazes past the Crystal Mines on the right.
- Pass over a wooden bridge
- At Blue trail intersection, stay to the left following the Orange blazes.
- Continue following Orange blaze past the Purple crossroad.
- Cross 2 more wooden bridges then follow the Orange blazes as they curve to the right. The main road will be to your left.
- The Orange letterbox will be on your left under an uprooted stump and roots covered in moss. Look under the left roots under leaves, rocks, and twigs.

41 degrees 35' 34"N 72 degrees 50' 1"W

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Orange Box Location



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Letterboxing - Purple Trail

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- Follow the Green trail between Pooler Pavilion and Archery, keeping Sloper Pond on your left.
- Pass the Blue trail intersection on your right.
- The Purple trail will intersect to the right
- Follow the Purple blazes up the hill.
- Follow the Purple blazes straight past an intersection with Orange on the right, then left.
- You will come to another Orange intersection, follow the Purple blazes on the middle path.
- Pass through a stone wall.
- Follow the Purple blazes through a field under the powerlines
- At Black intersection, follow the Purple blazes straight ahead.
- Pass through a section of woods with many vines.
- Follow the Purple blazes past the Black intersection on the left.
- The Purple trail will start to curve to the right and you will see a group of logs and stumps on the left.
- The Purple letterbox will be behind the stump on the left under leaves and sticks.

41 degrees 35' 11"N 72 degrees 49' 59"W

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Purple Box Location



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Letterboxing - Red Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk toward the West Coast and the Jacob Family Pavilion.

- Keep walking and go past the West Coast Waterfront and Sloper Stadium.
- Head towards the big tree on a hill and go over the wide bridge.
- Take a left at the large wood pile
- At the end of the trail the Sloper Creamery sign will be on your left
- Take a right and walk towards the Wetland Boardwalk
- At the Wetland Boardwalk, take a left following the boardwalk.
- When you come to a square corner of the boardwalk, walk to the left 24 paces (a pace equals 2 steps)
- There will be a 6 sister tree on your left. (Sister trees means that multiple trunks rise up from the bottom.)
- The Red letterbox will be in between this 6 sister tree covered in leaves and sticks.

41 degrees 35' 32"N 72 degrees 50' 30"W

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Red Box Location



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Letterboxing - Silver Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk across field toward power lines heading up the Black Trail.

- Follow the Black trail uphill through the field.
- At Yellow intersection, stay straight following Black blazes.
- At Blue intersection, stay straight following Black blazes.
- Take right at Purple intersection.
- Pass through a section of woods with many vines.
- Follow the Purple blazes past the Black intersection on the left.
- The Purple trail will start to curve to the right and you will see a group of logs and stumps on the left.
- Follow the Purple blazes straight past the White intersection on the right and left.
- Continue following the Purple blazes, eventually passing through a stone wall.
- Take a left onto the Silver trail where the Purple turns to the right.
- Pass a stone wall on your left.
- Carefully follow the Silver blazes as they lead to the left and through the stone wall.
- Pass a 4 Hugger tree on your left. (A 4 Hugger tree takes 4 people to wrap arms around the tree completely.)
- From the 4 Hugger tree, you will a 3 sister tree ahead on the left side of the path. (Sister trees means that multiple trunks rise up from the bottom.)
- The Silver letterbox will be inside a hole on the left side of the tree covered with leaves and sticks.

41 degrees 35' 0"N 72 degrees 50' 12"W

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Silver Box Location



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Letterboxing - White Trail

Begin the White Trail from the Blue or Purple Trail.

- Follow White trail after intersections with the Blue and Purple trails.
- Follow White blazes up rock face. Carefully watch the White blazes, eventually they curve to the right.
- Follow White blazes across boulders on the left.
- Continue following White trail as it crosses a rocky path to the right and toward a White blazed tree.
- Take a left uphill toward the next White blaze and curve to the right reaching the overlook.
- Follow White blazes along ledge.
- Cross over a fallen tree. There will be a large rock crevasse below to the right and a large mossy rock to your left.
- The White letterbox will be behind the large mossy rock underneath leaves and twigs.

41 degrees 35' 3"N 72 degrees 50' 2"W

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White Box Location



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Letterboxing - Yellow Trail

From McLeod Family Pavilion, walk toward the Meade Pavilion.
The Yellow trail starts just before Meade Pavilion.

- Take wooden stairs up toward the Fortbuilding Village.
- Pass through the Fortbuilding Village following the Yellow blazes.
- Continue uphill following Yellow blazes as they curve to the left.
- At Orange intersection, continue straight following Yellow blazes.
- Come to a clearing with a fire pit and large knobby tree to your left.
- Follow Yellow blazes to your right over the rocks and pass through the field under the power lines.
- At Black intersection, stay straight following Yellow blazes.
- Come to Blue intersection, there will be a fallen log on the right with a split rock behind it.
- The Yellow letterbox is between two rocks under leaves and twigs.

41 degrees 35' 13"N 72 degrees 50' 9"W

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Yellow Box Location



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