

Ethnobotany: how do people interact with plants?

Age Group 1 – find a plant along the trail and explain how humans might use it. Examples of use can include tools, rope, clothing, and shelter, dye, weaving, and building fires. If you need a hint, see the list of plants below. As for edible plants, you can also include these, but please do not eat anything.

Age Group 2 – Research a native plant in New England that people used, and see if you can find it on Land Trust properties. Write up the plant you are looking for, what its ethnobotanical use is, and if you found it, where you found it!

New England native plants (non-edible uses):

Ash
Basswood
Birch
Cattail
Dog Bane
Dogwood
Hawthorn
Hemlock
Jewel weed
Milkweed
Nettles
Oak
Pine
Willow



