

# Neon Wildlife Walk



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Explore animated sites  
in Downtown Mississauga  
and Bradley Museum

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Find the neon lights shaped like local wildlife!  
Stay within your household group and maintain a safe physical distance of 2m.

Complete the nature trivia challenge around the Bradley Museum site:

## 1. Ox

Today you won't find oxen wandering around the city, but you would have seen them 200 years ago when they were used on farms to pull carts and farm tools like ploughs. In the Chinese Zodiac, 2021 is the Year of the Ox. People born in the Year of the Ox (1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009 & 2021) are said to be industrious, cautious and always glad to offer help!

At the Drive Shed, try to spot the farm equipment that could have been pulled by oxen.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Little Brown Bat

If you've ever seen a bat flying around in Mississauga, it might have been one of these. You shouldn't be afraid if you do see one, since they are friendly neighbours who can eat up to 1000 flying insects in just one hour including mosquitoes, midges and mayflies. In the winter time, little brown bats hibernate in winter roosts called hibernacula. These are usually found in caves or abandoned mines which have high humidity and stable temperatures above freezing. In the summer they live in tree cavities or bat boxes which are dark and warm during the day.

If you were a bat, which tree onsite would you want to live in? Take a picture of your choice!

## 3. Beaver

Did you know that the beaver is the largest rodent in North America? Adults weigh between 35 and 70 pounds! They are most often seen from dusk to dawn and spend the winter in their lodges eating bark from trees. Their favourite trees are aspen, poplar, willow and birch. Have you ever spotted a beaver in Mississauga? Throughout time, including our present moment, beavers have been trapped by Indigenous people in Canada for their warm fur pelts, which are often used to make clothing, traded for other goods, and sold.

Unscramble these letters to name this item of winter clothing that beaver fur can be used to make:

**E G O V L**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Fox

Foxes do not hibernate in the winter but are very active at dawn and dusk. They live near open grassy areas with covered fence lines and wooded streams, and like to sleep in dens, tree hollows, and even under decks. They are omnivores, but their diet might surprise you! They are known to hunt rodents and birds, but will also eat frogs, worms and berries. And if you've ever had a ball disappear from your backyard, a clever fox may be to blame! Foxes are very playful and often steal balls from backyards and golf courses.

**Foxes are known for being smart! Use your smarts to solve this riddle:  
"I grow big and tall and lose my clothes in the fall."**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. Owl

Owls can be hard to spot in the wilderness because not only are they nocturnal, they are very good at camouflaging in nature. The myth of the "wise owl" goes all the way back to Ancient Greece, where Athena, the goddess of wisdom, was often described and drawn in art holding an owl.

**Owls are well known for their big eyes and good eyesight. Use your eyes to find and count how many triangles there are in the yellow, blue and red quilt square on the barn!**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6. Wolf

Before Ontario was settled by Europeans, grey wolves were populous in the north and the eastern wolves native to the Great Lakes region were common in the south. European settlement and hunting led to the eastern wolf population almost disappearing from southern Ontario. Today there are an estimated 500 eastern wolves left in Ontario, mainly around the Algonquin Park area.

**Find the wolf symbol in the Indigenous Healing Garden. What is the meaning of the wolf in the Seven Grandfather Teachings?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Weasel

Weasels have brown fur in the summer and white fur in the winter. They can live in all sorts of environments including woodlands, marshes, meadows and pastures near forest or bush. They like to make their homes under tree roots, in hollow logs and in abandoned buildings.

**In pop culture, a "weasel" is someone who is cunning or sneaky. We've been sneaky and hidden something that doesn't belong in our Heritage Kitchen Garden. Can you find what it is?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_