

April Break Roaming Riddles!

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Welcome! NCF has partnered up with the Easter Bunny for a very special April Break edition of our Roaming Riddles. Read each of these kid-friendly riddles aloud with your family, check out a map, and use the clues to figure out the answer to each location. The rhyme will lead you to properties across the island protected by the Nantucket Conservation Foundation.

And now, a brief statement from Mr. Bunny:

“Hoppy Spring! For this special Easter Egg Hunt, I won’t be hiding plastic eggs out in nature for you to find. Instead, I want you to find me some trash for a sweet reward! On your travels, pick up some trash along the way and hop it down to the NCF Office. My friends at the Foundation are holding onto the treats for me. Be an egg-cellent neighbor, pick up a little, and this Bunny will give you a gift in return!”

Here are the details about completing the activity:

- 1) Hidden in each riddle are clues to guide you to a certain special place on one of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation’s many properties around Nantucket.
- 2) Read them aloud, decipher the clues, and go find the location described in the riddle.
- 3) A sign will be placed to mark the secret location, but there are picture hints on the last page of this packet if you need them.
- 4) When you’ve found the sign, take a picture to prove that you solved the riddles with your detective skills.
- 5) Once you have visited all 5 locations, email us the pictures at info@nantucketconservation.org or give us a call at (508) 228-2884. We will put together a special prize for your family and have it ready outside the Foundation’s office (118 Cliff Road, open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30).

Have fun and happy sleuthing!



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#1

Hop on down Polpis Rd., past the Reyes Pond lot,
To an old FARM trail that the farmer forgot.
You could not see this place if the trees were full grown,
NOR-WOULD you believe these plants like to be mown!
Rabbits eat some plants, but these fields take some work.
Make your way through the gate then a **left at the fork.**
Past overgrown wetlands as you scoot your way east,
You may spot a hawk or a vulture at least.
Stay on the main path and walk over a ridge,
To a nice walking loop and a cool looking BRIDGE.

#2

New England Cottontails like a **shrubbiest space,**
So this rare and shy species found a beautiful place.
Along Madaket Rd. where your family can park,
Walk down through the pines before it gets dark,
This **old dairy farm** stretches past ponds and over hills,
Where the wind from the south shore can give you a chill,
Before the barn make sure to turn right,
A piece of history sits here that is quite the sight.
On the old Weaver property and former house lot,
Sits for decades a weathered old Tri-works Whale Pot.

#3

On Wauwinet Rd. there's an outstanding SWAMP
Though your boots may get muddy, it's well worth a romp!
The **wet forest** here holds a neat looking trail,
It's a place I can appreciate spring without fail.
Frogs calling their heart out from a **Vernal Pool,**
And the awakening plants that look eerie and cool.

The path here will wind where the ferns will soon grow,
A freshwater wetland filled by rain and melted snow.
So scurry beneath the **big sprawling oak tree,**
And know you don't need to be off-island to sightsee.

#4

This place **looks like Africa,** though it's nowhere near,
But some **safari animals** can sometimes appear!
In the Masai language, it means "endless plains"
Standing out here helps you understand that name.
From the **Milestone pillar that's marked with a 4,**
Walk toward Altar Rock and into the Moors.
There's a spot on a hill where you can see in a row:
Gibbs' Pond, Altar Rock and up to Shawkemo.
All protected by gifts from the Krautoffs and Turners,
and entrusted to NCF for the good of all learners.
Their kindness and foresight are a true inspiration.
Enjoy this wide-open walk on your April Stay-cation!

#5

Bunnies can't swim, at least not without luck,
So sometimes I come out here to stare at Tuckernuck.
It's a small parking lot **on the edge of the beach,**
To look out at the other island that's just out of reach.
Take a left on the road behind Madaket Marine,
To a small stretch of beach and view to be seen.
But **Madaket Harbor** can fill up with fog,
So Grey Lady Days here are just for Quahogs.
On a bright clear spring day this is well worth the trek
To look out from the active shores of _____



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Here's some Hints if you need them... Or you can call our office at (508) 228-2884



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5