



## **2014 Launching Series-Frederick W. Marzahl Memorial Refuge**

**Carmel Hill Road (Route 132), Woodbury**

**Planted by Two Adventuring Ladies**

**Hike time: 20 minutes**

**Hike length: less than a mile**

### **Introduction:**

Note: This is one of the eight Launching Series letterboxes originally posted only on the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust website when created by The Two Adventuring Ladies in the summer of 2014. It was brought to Flanders' attention that a letterboxer had posted "add-ons" to the Launching Series on both Atlas Quest and Letterboxing North America. Many of these add-ons begin by using wording identical to the Flanders Launching Series hikes. Because the posted letterboxes used the same titles as those on the Flanders website, the Two Adventuring Ladies have posted all the Flanders Launching Series hikes with new titles. All Flanders hikes will have clue sheets with the Flanders Logo and include a checklist for young hikers. We hope this helps avoid confusion. Flanders is thrilled that the trails are being discovered by so many letterboxers!

A map of the Marzahl Refuge and its location can be downloaded at:

[http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org/flanders\\_places/hiking\\_trail\\_maps.html](http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org/flanders_places/hiking_trail_maps.html)

The 2014 Launching Series is a set of eight letterboxing trails created to spread the word about the family friendly properties with trails at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust. The clues for this letterbox are written so that first time letterboxers will be successful and this positive experience will leave them eager to hike more trails and find more letterboxes. Since we expect families to be hiking with children, we have added a few questions and comments to keep everyone engaged. One of the letterboxes on each trail will contain a rubber stamp for a letter: F, L, A, N, D, E, R or S.

Additional letterboxing hikes are planned for the properties at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust.

Flanders has created a passport to use when hiking the trails planted by the Two Adventuring Ladies. Anyone who hikes twelve of Flanders' letterboxing trails should go to the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust office, present their passport with the twelve letter stamps from those trails and sign their Trail Name on our poster of Successful Flanders Letterboxers. They will receive a prize. The office is open Monday-Friday from 9 until 4.

The Flanders Passport and all the trails with hidden letter stamps can be downloaded at:

<http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org/letterboxing.html>

Dogs are allowed on the trails but must be leashed.

You may not see all the plants and animals that we mention. You will see many things that the Two Adventuring Ladies have not mentioned. The observations for the 2014 Launching Series were made in the summer.

We wish you good luck on your hunt.

**Clues:**

Park next to the Fred. W. Marzahl sign.

Enter the trail in front of you. Your trail map says that this trail will be marked in light blue. The Two Adventuring Ladies found no trail blazes. Do not worry – the trail goes straight in and straight back.

Soon you will find yourself surrounded by skunk cabbage. This is a classic wet lands marker and you may find that the trail is a bit muddy in spots.

As you leave the wet lands stay very quiet – you may see deer to your left.

Remember to stay on the trail. There are remnants of old barbed wire fences in the woods. Have you seen any of them?

Walk on. As you approach the stream, be careful. DO NOT climb on the remainders of the bridge. What different things were used to make the bridge? Climb down to the stream on your left. Do you see any fish? a turtle? an insect called a skater? If you see a skater you will know how it got that name.

Turn around and head back. The trail will make a slight left curve. On your right will be several boulders. In a slot between one of those rocks and a tree behind it you will find a letterbox.

Please stamp our log book. Write your trail name and the date. Then use our stamp to mark your passport and log book. Carefully return the letterbox to its hiding spot and head back to your car.



## CHECK LIST FOR THE MARZ AHL PROPERTY

Did you see:

Skunk cabbage \_\_\_

Deer \_\_\_

Old barbed wire fencing \_\_\_

A turtle \_\_\_

A frog \_\_\_

A skater \_\_\_

The remnants of a bridge \_\_\_