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**Stewardship Tips for DC Area City Nature Challenge Observers**

**Do:**

* Enjoy your exploration. There is so much to see, hear, and experience in the DC area natural world!
* Be a good community guest: respect community and human ownership rules of the space you are in.
* Be a good nature guest: you may be visiting someone’s wild home. Respect the plant and animal habitats you are in.
* Walk and observe gently: when you lift a rock or log to look, return to its original place, gently. Only move what you need to move. You’ll see (and hear) more if you observe quietly.
* Protect yourself: Be mindful of your surroundings and where you step.
* Stay on trail as much as possible. Young critters and plants may be underfoot.
* Focus on wild observations. Tag your observations appropriately and note if they are cultivated or captive.
* Take your best pictures and share!

**Don’t:**

* Don’t disturb, pick or take anything (other than photos)
* Don’t leave anything behind.