



# StoryWalk™

## Overview

Visitors enjoy a walk on a trail and read a storybook about birds along the way.

## Recommended Ages

> PreK-Adult

## Activity Time

Approximately 15 minutes

## Materials

- > 3 copies of chosen book
- > 5ml or 10ml Lamination sheets
- > Card stock
- > Industrial strength Velcro
- > Stakes
- > Guest Book (optional)

## Activity in Action

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## Enjoy a Walk and a Story

Looking for ways to casually entice visitors on your trails? Try a Storywalk™. The Storywalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Simply choose a story, buy the book, laminate each page, and post on stakes along the trail. It is a great way to combine literacy, exercise, nature, and family time! Estimated cost for doing a Storywalk™ is \$100 to \$150.

## Activity Directions

1. Choose your story. Look for a book that has a great story line and minimal text. Here are a few suggestions:

### Fiction

- Welcome, Brown Bird by Mary Lyn Ray
- Birds by Kevin Henkes
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
- The Birdwatchers by Simon James
- Riki's Birdhouse by Monica Wellington
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- Little Green by Keith Baker
- The Bird House by Cynthia Rylant

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## Suggested Stories Continued

### Poetry

Fine Feathered Friends by Jane Yolen

Bird Watch by Jane Yolen

### Non-fiction

About Birds: A Guide for Children by Cathryn and John Sill

Two Blue Jays by Anne Rockwell and Megan Halsey

How Do Birds Find Their Way? by Roma Gans



Photo from the Kellogg-Hubbard Library

## Activity Directions Continued

2. Buy 3 copies of the book. It is easier to separate the pages from paperback books. Two copies of the book will be prepared for the Storywalk™ one copy will be your back-up for replacing damaged pages.
3. Remove pages from the book. On the back write the book name, page number, and your organization's contact information (optional).
4. Laminate each page. It is recommended to use 10ml laminate, but if your budget is tight you can use 5ml laminate.
4. Choose 4 foot stakes for each page. Stakes should be strong so they don't break or splinter in outdoor weather conditions.
5. Staple the industrial strength Velcro to the stakes. Adhere Velcro to the back of each page using waterproof glue (do not staple your pages to prevent water damage) and attach the pages to the stakes.
6. Place the pages about 40 paces apart. It works best if walkers can see the next page. A 1/2 mile Storywalk™ trail works best for small children.
7. At the end of the story, place a guest book and ask visitors to write the date, number in their party, and any comments or suggestions.

For additional details about Storywalk™ visit the Kellogg-Hubbard Library at <http://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk.html>. Our thanks to Storywalk™ and Leigh Maynard, Hopkinton Public Library in New Hampshire, for activity instructions.