

NOVEMBER

MONTHLY MOSAIC



Berkshire Natural
Resources Council

FIRST FROSTS AND FROZEN MORNINGS

Frost crystals sparkle across Berkshire meadows and fallen leaves, signaling the transition to winter dormancy. Many insects and amphibians have already tucked away beneath leaf litter or soil.

BARE BRANCHES AND BARK PATTERNS

With leaves gone, the forest's architecture is revealed! Branches, buds, and bark become easy to see. It's the perfect time to sharpen your tree ID skills by shape and bark alone.

BUSY BEAVERS BEFORE WINTER

Beavers work tirelessly in November, reinforcing lodges and caching branches underwater for food. Beavers don't hibernate—they remain active all winter, swimming beneath the ice to reach their food cache.

WATERFOWL ON THE MOVE

As colder air settles in, watch the skies for migrating waterfowl. Canada geese, mergansers, and ducks are moving south along rivers and lakes. Their honking calls often echo across the hills and valleys at dawn and dusk.

FUN FACT

Some frogs, like the wood frog, can survive being partially frozen! They produce a natural antifreeze that protect their cells through the winter.

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EXPLORE

Parsons Marsh or **Housatonic Flats**, where open trails offer clear views of tree silhouettes like birch and cottonwood.

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Look for beaver activity at **Bob's Way**, **Thomas & Palmer Brook**, and the **Old Mill Trail**.

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FUN FACT

Migratory movements often intensify shortly after sunset, peak in the middle of the night, and are beneficial for ducks as it helps them avoid daytime predators and conserve energy by flying in cooler, calmer air..