

WARNING

Watch/be careful where you, your kids, & your dogs tread.

This COPPERHEAD SNAKE was recently seen crossing the White Trail.



We all know Trout Brook Valley is a special preserve and is home to much wildlife. Sometimes we are so comfortable on our walks that we forget that some wildlife, when surprised/disturbed by us, can become dangerous. Pay attention where you walk and make sure that your charges, both kids and dogs, are safe from these potential dangers. Hikers and climbers in trap rock areas (a favored habitat of copperheads) should be careful of where they place their hands and feet. If you see a snake, back up, stay away from it. Don't jab at it with a stick or try to kill it. Just go around it. Snakes prefer to get away from us when given a chance.

Most importantly, get the snake-bite victim to a healthcare facility as soon as possible.

If possible, wash the bite wound with soap and water, and remove any tight clothing or jewelry to allow for swelling, which may be severe.