

## Wintertime is a Great Time to Visit – Lily Bay State Park

Winter is an excellent time to visit the park and look for animal tracks and other signs of wildlife. These photos will help you learn what to look for.



Cedar's growing along an idle stream, during the summer one can see acers of peat bog.



Keep an eye out for animal tracks, commonly found along the trail include deer, moose and even lynx!



Notice the interesting ice crystallization along a frozen stream.



Pay attention for scat, the picture above shows deer scat. Often, you'll find owl pellets as well.



Often tilted root structures make for perfect dens for mammals looking to hibernate for the winter.

The following two pictures show the work of local pileated woodpeckers:



Watch your step for frost heaves but take a moment to admire the structure of the ice.



Oftentimes dead trees along the trails are never cut down. This is because these trees become the perfect nesting spot for many animals, as well as a site for fungi and plants to grow.



Porcupines sleep in trees. Notice the rubbing on the bark? Believe it or not this is the work of a porcupine!

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