



## Environment for the Americas

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# 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

Send us your pictures and comments on this activity to [bday@birdday.org](mailto:bday@birdday.org).

### 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!

### Activity Directions

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

#### Fiction with a Habitat Themes

On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole

Jack's Garden by Henry Cole

Around the Pond: Who's Been Here? Lindsay Barrett George

Riki's Birdhouse by Monica Wellington

And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano

Welcome, Brown Bird by Mary Lyn Ray

Flute's Journey by Lunne Cherry

Sunflower House by Eve Bunting

The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady by Edith Holden

Little Green by Keith Baker

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## Suggested Stories Continued

### Non-Fiction with a Habitat Theme

Mallard Duck at Meadow View Pond by-Smithsonian Backyard Series  
Robin at Hickory Street by Smithsonian Backyard Series  
Birds Build Nests by Tony Oliver  
The Life Cycle of a Bird by Bobbie Kalman & K. Smithyman  
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  
A Nest Full of Eggs by Priscilla Belz Jenkins



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## 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 of the Hopkinton Public Library in New Hampshire, for activity instruction and sharing her valuable experience implementing the project.