HPR River Quest

Hanover, New Hampshire
Physical Difficulty: Moderate
Special Features: Natural
Walking Conditions: Kayak or canoe
Duration: 0:45 - 1:30
Bring: Compass, swimsuit, binoculars

To get there: From 91N Take Exit 13. Turn right on VT 10A East and continue over the Ledyard Bridge into New Hampshire. Continue onto West Wheelock St, then turn left onto North Park St. At the stop light turn right onto Lyme Road. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto NH 10 N/Lyme Road. Go 2.3 miles and take a left into the entrance for Wilson’s Landing.

From 91S take Exit 13. Turn left at the light onto VT 10A East and continue over the Ledyard Bridge into New Hampshire. Follow the directions from above.

Overview:
Wilson’s Landing is a public boat access along the Connecticut River. The landing is owned and maintained by the Town of Hanover Parks and Recreation Department. The property adjacent to the landing is privately owned by Friends of Hanover Crew, and is home to their boathouse. When the weather gets warmer, both entities place docks at the landing for public use. This park is named after Wilson Fullington. The Fullington family lived in the farmhouse and were known as operating the last dairy farm in Hanover, NH, called Dartmouth Dairy.

Kendal Riverfront Park is a relatively new park in the Town of Hanover. Kendal at Hanover purchased the property to expand, but instead created an agreement with the Town of Hanover that manages the park, which is on the old Chieftain Inn 10.7-acre property.
**Clues:**

From the landing where we’ll start
Board your boat and push off
Turning port side is where you’ll go
Paddling down the riverbank.

Our first viewpoint you can see
Will be a peninsula where you’ll discover
Whispering winds through tall tails and reeds
And thickets full of redwing blackbirds.

Continuing paddling till you meet
An entrance to one of three
Within this inlet, explore the shores
To search for who calls it home.

Once you’ve discovered who lives below
It’s time to venture on
Exit the inlet and turn left
Here we can spot many trees.

We three trees grow different sized cones
My pinecones are the largest of them all
I’m in the middle with short, compact cones
I’m tiny and thin and found at the end of a branch.

As we paddle towards our destination
Beware of fallen oak trees in the water
If you’re lucky, on bright warm days
You might catch a glimpse of a sunbathing turtle.

On the shore, beautiful flowers can be seen
They can be white, pink, or purple
Playful and magical they dance in the sun
You might sneak a peek at an elusive lady slipper.

Paddling further, you’ll approach the second inlet
This is the perfect spot when the river is low
Look to the water lilies to catch sight of a water strider
Or look down to spy on a largemouth bass hunting for a snack.

Last, but not least, glide into the third inlet
Locate commonly found trees to our area
The mighty maple and whimsical white birch
Stand tall along the bank where the Camp Brook begins.

Departing the inlet towards our journey’s end
Coast along the shoreline, let the river take you where it may
The docks in front of us signify Kendal Riverfront Park
We have finally reached our port of call.

In order to find our quest box
Search along the shore
Near the larger of two docks.

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Attached are the HPR River Quest Scavenger Hunt sheets depicting some of the plants and animals that live along the Connecticut River. See how many you can find on your trip down the river!