

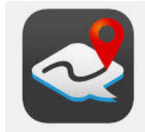
Citizen Spotters/Hikers

Welcome! Thank you so much for taking the time to submit your hike sighting(s). Your contribution is very helpful in allowing us to understand the dispersion and movement of the bears and other animals in the Northampton area.

For those who have spotted a bear, you can directly report a bear sighting here [Bear Sighting Report Form](#).

If you are simply hiking, it would be very beneficial to our research to record your hike path and any sightings you might find along the way such as animal (can be any animal does not need to be bear) sightings themselves, scat, tracks, hair, tree or ground markings, or any other sign that an animal was presence. You can do this very easily with the Ramblr app.

Steps:



1. Download Ramblr app
2. Sign up for free into the app
3. Allow the app access to your location
4. On the bottom navigation bar, click on the Track icon and hit the record button when you begin your hike
5. Start hiking!!
6. If you encounter a sighting of either the animal or its presence, you can add a waypoint/marker at the very location you found it
 - a. Give the app a second to make sure it accurately pinpoints your location
 - b. Hit the notepad button on the top toolbar then the waypoint icon (instead of the Note icon)
 - c. Label your waypoint with the type of animal you believe it to be (if you do not know simply call it unknown) and what it is (scat, animal, tracks/prints, etc)
 - i. Examples: deer tracks, bear hair, coyote scat, unknown tree markings
 - d. Hit the save button
7. If you want to add a photo, hit the camera button on the top toolbar. It would be super helpful if you had a ruler or even a coin to place next to the sighting so that we can get an idea of its size
 - a. Take the photo then save it/use it

8. Once you have finished your hike, swipe the pause button and then the stop button
 - a. You will be given a few choices on how to upload the hike, choose whichever works best for you at the moment (we suggest “Edit and Upload” or “Do It Later”)
9. Whenever you have time to upload it, choose the track by going to the Me button on bottom navigation bar and then “View My Archive”
10. Choose the hike and “Upload Now”. Title your hike with your name, where you hiked if the trail has a name, and the date
 - a. Example Dan MacDonald, The Notch, June 12
11. Set it to “Secret Mode” and hit upload
12. Now under “My Trips”, choose the hike. Hit the share button and then email it to us at citscima@amherst.edu.
 - a. Make the subject (**name, location, and date of the hike**)

Your participation is extremely valuable in helping collect data about the animals in the area as well as contribute to our understanding of citizen science. Thank you so much once again!

If you would like to contribute further, complete this form and we will be in contact with you shortly: [Volunteer Form](#)

If you have any questions, comments, or issues, you can contact us at citscima@amherst.edu!!

Thank you again!