**Kent Land Trust 2018 Exploration Challenge**

**Theme**: **Why We Do What We Do, 18 Reasons for 2018**

**The Challenge:**

Visit Kent Land Trust properties, seeking 18 Reasons for conserving land. Markers identifying the 18 Reasons will be posted in 18 secret locations. Follow a custom map and narrative clues to find each marker/Reason and take a selfie or other photo showing the marker (see photo details below).

**Contest Dates**: June 1 through November 1, 2018

**To Begin**:

1. Sign up online at www.kentlandtrust.org./2018Challenge. Or, visit our friends at the Kent Memorial Library. Choose a team name, list all team members, and provide the requested contact information and photo consent and release.
2. If you are not already a KLT member, please consider joining or donating. [Here](https://www.kentlandtrust.org/become-a-member) is our member page.

**Some Rules and Procedures**:

* Each team will receive Exploration Challenge Clues and the Exploration Challenge Map.
* Find and take a photo at each marker. Photos must show at least one team member and the marker.
* Email each photo to KLT: info@kentlandtrust.org Photos may be submitted in any order. Use your team name as the subject line and write the Reason in the text.
* In your emails, please let us know about any problems with the trails or markers.
* A hint about each location will be available. To ask for a hint, email KLT and say please.
* Please **be safe**, park in appropriate spots, and respect the properties you are visiting.
* To preserve the integrity of the Challenge, don’t reveal the 18 Reasons or their locations!
* It’s not a race … but go to our website from time to time to check the “leaderboard.”

**Prizes**:

Level 1: KLT t-shirts will go to all members of teams that complete at least half the Challenge. To qualify, find at least 9 locations, discover the associated Reasons, and submit photo evidence.

Level 2: Teams that complete the entire Challenge (visit all 18 locations, discover all 18 Reasons, and submit photo evidence) will earn t-shirts for all team members and be entered into a drawing for the following prizes:

First Prize: A hand-made birch hiking stick for each team member.

Second Prize: A copy of *Kent Trails: A Hiker’s Guide* for each team member.

Third Prize: A bottle of locally-made maple syrup for each team member.

And: A prize (t.b.d.) will be awarded to the team that submits the most creative set of photos!

**Notes/Suggestions**:

Some of the 18 markers will be posted near parking areas, others will be much harder to reach. Each team should have 2 or more “Runners” capable of covering up to 3 miles over uneven and/or steep terrain. Having team members with knowledge of local and natural history and Kent geography will help. *Kent Trails: A Hiker’s Guide* and the KLT [Places](https://www.kentlandtrust.org/klt-places) page will be valuable resources. Have fun!!