**Holiday Tree Trek Rules:**

Children must be accompanied by adult.

By participating in the event, you authorize Ballard Nature to use your photo submissions in social media and publications.

We want you to have fun during this self-guided challenge. You therefore agree to participate at your own risk. Ballard is not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or other problems that may arise during your participation in the *Holiday Tree Trek*.

Due to the pandemic, the exhibits are still closed. The visitor center lobby/office is typically open Mon-Fri from 8am-2:30pm. Trails, fishing pond, & pavilions are available everyday dawn to dusk.

**General Rules/Regulations of the center:**

- The nature trails are open daily from dawn until dusk
- All plants and animals are protected – no collecting or digging
- No horses, ATV’s, bicycles or vehicles allowed on trails
- All pets must be leashed at all times
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted
- Firearms and all other weapons are prohibited
- Please respect private property adjoining the Ballard Nature Center
- Do not enter without permission.

**NOTE:** The highlighted trails on the map show you what areas of the nature center to search for the trees.

**How It Works:**

Decorations are tied to 6 trees on our trails. There is also a sign attached with a Christmas trivia question. Use this brochure to visit the trails and locate the trees with the decorations.

**What To Do:**

1. Take a group (or personal) selfie with one of the decorated trees.
2. Answer the trivia question posted on each of the six trees.
3. Send your photo and answers to us via email at ballardnc@frontiernet.net. Include your name with the photo. Write *Tree Trek* in the message line of your email.
4. Find all 6 trees & trivia answers to be entered into the prize drawings.

**For extra fun:**

- Wear a Santa hat, Christmas sweater, etc. in your photos.
- Ring the bell at each tree.
- For an extra chance in the prize drawing, name the type of each tree. (get at least 4 right for an extra chance)

**Prizes:**

Adult and kids prizes will be awarded.

Should you win a prize, Ballard Nature Center will notify you via email. Prize drawing will take place on January 4.