

# 7. Northern Mature Forest

Dr. Philip C. Walker  
Memorial  
Botanical Trail



*American Beech*



*Hemlock*



*Sugar Maple Saplings*

This is a later stage in the process of succession. Trees dominate the area and include American beech, sugar maple, yellow birch, hemlock and white pine. The mature forest, self-maintaining and usually long-lived unless it is disturbed, is relatively open with good sight distances due to the lack of dense low-growth shrubs and saplings in the understory. Spring is an excellent time of the year to see various wildflowers in bloom on the forest floor.