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When I stepped out the today, it was cold. So I ran back inside and pulled a hat and gloves on, then back outside feeling a little bit warmer. Yes, winter is definitely on the horizon, and it's beginning to cool down. Brrr. I recorded the wind coming from the WNW at 7.5 mph, although I'm sure it went faster than that at times on the walk. The temperature is 6°C and 43°F, the air pressure is 30.3 inHg and the humidity is 32%.

On our walk today, we looked for spider's webs. We found a few, but no spiders. I wondered if spiders hibernate in the winter, or if they just curl up and die. So when I got back, I looked on WikiAnswers, and this was the answer I got: "Spiders like the garden orb weavers, argiopes, widow varieties that only live one season, will die in Winter, leaving behind their egg sac for the next season. Other spiders like tarantulas and fishing spiders, that live longer may hibernate in Winter spending the cold weather under tree bark or rocks, or in cellars and attics. Some adults survive by preparing a winter nest of silken webbing under loose bark within which they are insulated from the cold." So I think that pretty much answers my question.

While we were walking in the woods, we saw a little female downy woodpecker that hopped from tree to tree. It was very cute! We also saw some little sparrows hopping around in the woods, and lots of squirrels running around happily. I also heard a very big dog barking away in the distance.