Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be transmitted to humans from the bite of an infected deer tick.

Ticks live in forests, marshlands, and areas with tall grass. They can show up in wooded areas around your home as well as in leaf litter, bushes, and gardens in your yard. Sometimes ticks will hitch-a-ride on wild animals like deer, mice, and birds, and move to new places. Removing rodent habitat from around your home, such as wood piles and cluttered sheds, may help to keep ticks away.

Make sure you aren’t inviting ticks into your yard by following these tips:

- Stay on paths when hiking.
- Create a barrier of at least 3ft (stone or woodchips) between the forest and your yard.
- Pile all cut wood away from your home and sitting areas.
- Rake leaves and bag all leaf litter.
- Keep your grass cut short to deter ticks.
- Keep play areas away from the forest.
- Keep gardens away from forested areas. Fence or mesh vegetable gardens to deter wild animals that may carry ticks.
- Walk pets on a leash and check them after being in the woods.
- Consider using a professional pesticide company to apply pesticides at your home.
- Keep your grass cut short around sitting areas and keep fire pits away from the tree line.