



## Grant Brook Trail Quest

### Lyme, New Hampshire

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Natural

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:45

Season: May-Oct

**To get there:** From the south, or Hanover area, head north on Route 10/Lyme Road for about 10 miles. The destination will be on your left just before the center of town. Park in Lyme School parking lot. Go to the back of the school. Cross a stream on a gravel path and head to the baseball field. At the top of the path to the field, turn left and head across a soccer field. At end of field find a yellow sign indicating "Grant Brook Trail". You should find the stone wall that begins the quest.

### Clues:

Over the stone wall and onto the trail.

Follow our clues and you will not fail.

One season, two season, three season, four.

Don't stop jogging, you'll hear birds more.

On the left see a soft, mossy boulder.

You'll see something pretty as you walk.

The rock beware—

Itch-making plant lives there.

Follow the yellow signs,

don't get in any binds.

Over the next mossy stone wall see holes in it, but don't crawl in.

Stepping stones you will see, don't fall in, mud up to your knee.

A stream you must cross to finish this quest.

Continue on the trail. You are the best.

Where the stream's two branches converge and the current lies,  
Hop the stones on the right, then climb a short, steep rise.

A broken tree  
could be home for a bee.  
Don't reach in the crack  
or you could be attacked!  
There are lots of sticks  
that someone picks.  
Wolf trees have branches straight out,  
telling of a time when trees were not about.

At the snowmobile crossing, continue straight, stay on the ball,  
Go over puncheon planks in the trail and do not fall!

Cross the bog to keep yourself dry.  
The trees reach so high --- sigh.

You will see a yellow sign.  
Follow its direction right (not across the old bridge) and you'll be fine.  
Grant Brook you'll hear,  
you're getting near.

The ostrich ferns are so tall,  
if fiddleheads you eat --- don't pick them at all.  
Find a place where the trail has washed out.  
The quest box is here among a cluster of trees just right of the trail.  
It lays under the ledge of a boulder behind one of the trees.

This Quest was created in 2012.

**Other things to do nearby:** Check out Stella's Italian Kitchen & Market in downtown Lyme if you've never been.

**Please be a good steward of the land: leave it better than you found it and pack out any trash you find.**



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