



Historical Newport Quest

Newport, New Hampshire

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical, Architectural

Walking Conditions: Pavement

Duration: 0:45

Bring: Compass

To get there: Take exit 13 from I-89 toward Grantham/Croydon. Turn right onto NH-10. Head south on Rte 10 to Newport. Turn right into Richards Free Library parking lot. From Claremont, follow Rtes 11-103 east to Newport. Turn left onto Rte 10. After the traffic circle, continue north on Rte 10. Turn left into Richards Free Library Parking Lot.



Clues:

1. Park at a place filled with books
Then get out and take a look.
The Richards family donated this house
In here you sometimes need to be as quiet as a mouse.

Head north to a building where kids are taught
In the summer the classrooms are wicked hot
This used to be Newport's High School
Some kids who went here did not find it cool.

2. Head east across the street to the Baptist church
Admire the beauty then continue your search
Follow the sidewalk and don't be nervous
On your left see the stone church for Episcopal services.

3. Cross to the common, find a statue most grand
Remembering times long past on this land.
This beautiful green is community space
Where people gather, visit and celebrate this place.

4. Next go to the post office to continue the way
Notice the white church where the Methodists pray.

5. Now continue south, crossing Sunapee Street
Notice the red brick buildings that can't be beat.
Soon you'll come to some steps where you might wish to linger
Where people once listened to opera singers.
In a case to your right
is the bell of Paul Revere
Its ringing you could once hear.

6. Just a little more south and look up the hill
Is a place where now your stomach will fill.
A judge and a jury once worked here without fail
Considering whether to send people to jail.

7. Cross back to the other side of Main Street now
And travel south to a structure we consider a marvel.
The Eagle block once was an inn of renown
A few years ago was nearly torn down.

Continue on south and cross a small bridge
The water below is as cold as a fridge.
Our town might not exist without the Sugar River
From Lake Sunapee flow those waters forever.

8. Pass a brick building once called "Arlington Sample,"
Where moms and dads used to work, and Grandma and Grample.
Cross the road now but stay away from the drug store
Keep your chin up and continue a little bit more.



Up in the sky you will notice a
steeple
You're almost at your treasure
so don't you dare weep.

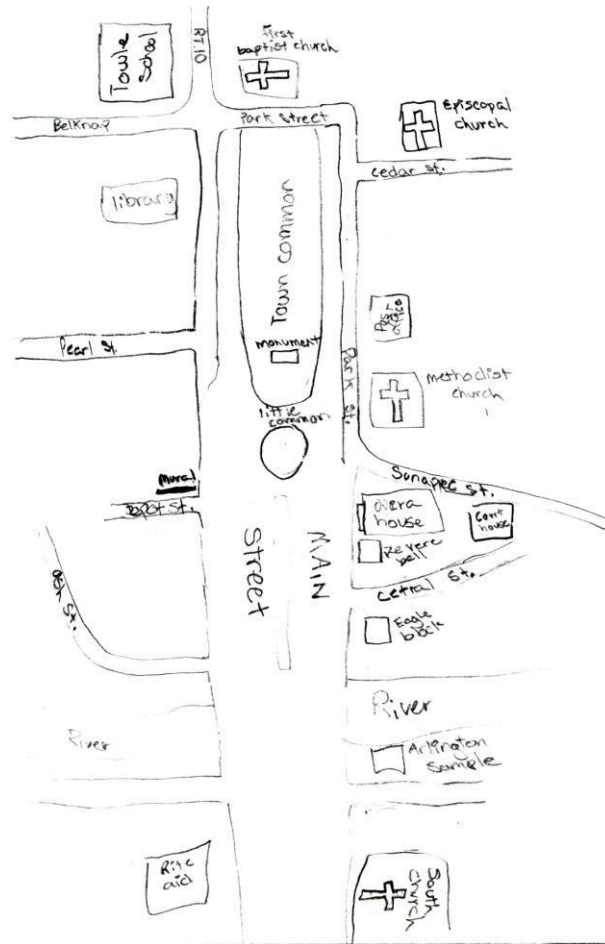
9. In front of the church you'll see a sign,
Taking a left is done by design
Head to the back of the church to lay your claim
To the goal of this quest, it's yours to gain.

10. Investigate closely to the left of the back door,
Look closely to find what you are looking for.
Reach behind the shrub, I'm sure you won't mind,
for the object of your quest I'm sure you will find.

11. Now cross the street, use those feet, to get to the other side
Look to your left, there's a mural showcasing our historical pride.
Keep going to the library, go inside to explore
The many wonders inside its doors!

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