



## Horatio Colony Preserve Quest

### Keene, New Hampshire

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical, Natural

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:30

Bring: Field Guide

**To get there:** *Traveling east into Keene on Route 9 look for Daniel's Hill Road on your right—it will be right after Whitcomb's Mill Rd. Turn onto Daniel's Hill Road and then the Preserve is the first driveway on the left.*

#### Clues:

The riddles below are used with the Quest Map.

Note: *Italicized* stanzas represent directions to specific stops along the Quest.

You're in the parking lot, so turn towards the gate  
Walk up the trail to discover your fate!

*Start at the info board, pick up a book,  
Flip to site 8 and read--it's a hook!*

Don't walk all the way up there, not just yet  
It's a long walk uphill—that you can bet.

Japhet chose pristine land where he would toil  
But he made little profit because of the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_

The land was all cleared so the sheep could pasture.  
At this time the hill would have looked a lot grassier.

*The center of the crossroads is where you now stand;  
So find a friend and grab their hand.*

Set in 1763, common for its day,

This intersection on the old Daniel's Hill Road  
Goes four different ways.

*Turn southwest and plan to hike,  
You won't need a car; you won't need a bike.  
Look to your left in the long rock wall,  
Take 15 steps: don't be afraid to fall.*

*In the wall lies a big white stone;  
The stone's the next clue, see how it's shone.*

These long walls of rocks used in houses and forts  
Contain all sorts of minerals, granite, and white  
Or Pink \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

You can't see it from here, it's miles away,  
Years ago it was different than it is today.

Of looms and woollens the Colony's had their fill  
Because they were the owners of the Colony mill.

Wool from these local sheep is what they would use  
To make blue fabric that the Union army would choose.

A variety of products and hardly a blunder there  
But the first thing the mill made was fabric for  
Long red \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Go twenty-two steps west down the trail,  
On the left you'll see a boulder the size of a whale.*

*Stop here, and in front of the boulder you'll see,  
A very large group of fallen-down trees.*

In 1938, came a storm on its way to Maine,  
New England's most damaging \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The winds blew down trees; everything was soaked.  
Lumber was used from the pines, maples and oaks.

*Now you must head toward where the sun rises,  
Stop at the first building, which is full of surprises.*

In the 1940's they built a cabin for the summer.

To install the piping Horatio hired a \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Look south across the trail to see  
A lamp-post that is surrounded by trees.*

The living conditions were primitive and stark.  
Except for the lamp-post . . . Horatio was afraid of the dark.

So now you know about the hill's history  
But the original occupant's name is still a mystery.

Before the settlers made their homes  
This tribe of Native Americans roamed.

More information about this lot  
Can be found in the treasure box.

*Unscramble the letters from the parentheses  
And go to the place that this word leads.*

*Take a walk to the northwest side  
Here is where the treasure lies!*

