Valley Quest
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Ashuelot River Park Quest

Keene, New Hampshire
Easy
Historical, Natural
Pavement, Trail
:30

To get there: Proceed north onto Main Street in Keene from the intersection of Routes 9, 12, and 101. Go though four lights and around the common. At the light, take a right onto West Street. Go through three more lights. At the third light turn right and you will be in the Ashuelot River Park parking lot.

Clues:

1. As you do this Quest today,
Look out for clues along the way.
They are the key to the treasure's lock,
Make sure to write them in all the right spots.

2. Go northwest now from the arch,
Hop or swing or slide or march.
Find a covered place where you can stop,
With your friends under a round rooftop.

3. From the gazebo you must rotate,
Here's what you really need to locate.
A granite bench, if you found the clue,
Will have Mr. Colony right in front of you.
Look at the words and then look right,
His old smokestacks will be in your sight.
Write them here if you have spied
The last two numbers of the year he died. __ __
A

4. From the bench take a northwest stride,
To a restful place when you're outside.

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Sit and gaze at the river view,
It's a lovely spot for me and you.

5. Cross the bridge to see some boulders,
Don't look back or over your shoulders.
You'll see a house just above your head,
But don't stay here, you must leave instead.

6. Now take the path that's on your right,
Go and look for a beautiful sight.
Keep your eyes along the river's edge,
You'll see a half moon marsh we certainly pledge.

7. When the forest comes to an end,
The path goes straight, but it also bends.
Take a left, stroll down the hill,
Soon you see smokestacks of Colony Mill.
Continue left on down the path,
Hope you're ready to do some math.
Measure yourself against the posts,
You'll have to be 3 feet at least, not most.

8. Look right to where the path curves down,
You will hear a rushing sound.
When you listen to the beat,
You will want to have a seat.
When you're near the waterfall,
A good place to sit is on the wall.
Look behind you for a plaque on stone,
When did this park become RMOLL's home? __ __ __ __
B

9. Go back across the bridge again,
You'll ask, "We'll find the treasure…but when?"
Write the year the bridge was laid __ __ __ __
You're almost there, you've got it made. C D
Seek a shelter made of wood,
Not a house, but for tools it's good.
'Round the back 'till water you see,
That is where the treasure will be!

10. Fill in the numbers from A, B, C , and D,
The lock's combinations you'll certainly see. __ __ __ __
A B C D

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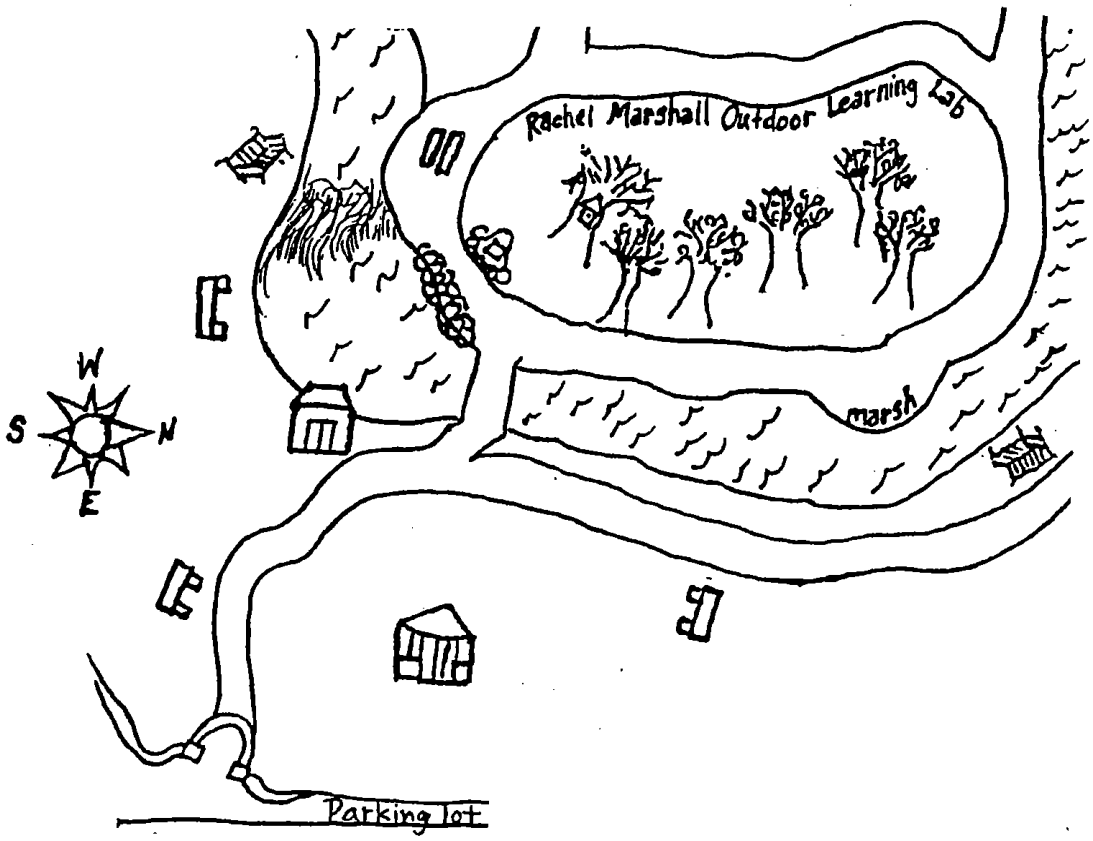

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