



Black River Academy Museum Quest

Ludlow, Vermont

Moderate

Architectural, Historical

Pavement

1:00

Bring: Money

To get there: Take I-91 to Exit 6, the Rockingham/Ludlow exit. Travel west Route 103 into Ludlow. When you come to the Village Green and gazebo, bear right onto High Street. Come to a stop sign. Stop, continue, at the BRAN will appear soon on the left side of the street.

Overview:

The Black River Academy Museum was once the local high school for several Black River Valley towns. The first building was built in 1835, but burned down in 1844. In 1888 the present structure was built. The Academy has had several distinguished students: President Calvin Coolidge, U.S Attorney General John Garibaldi Sargent, and Vermont Governor William Wallace Stickney. The Museum is open June 1- August 31, Tuesdays – Sundays, 12 – 4pm. You do not need to enter the museum to complete the Quest; but do consider a visit. BRAM has a wonderful collection. Admission is \$2, and children under 12 are free.

Clues:

1. Leave BRAM, turn right and proceed to the Ludlow Baptist Church. Standing on the Green, how many arched stained glass windows are on the front of the church? ____ (____) ____ ____ ____

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2. Proceed across the Green to the ____ ____ ____ ____ (____) ____ ____ ____

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Memorial Library. If the Library is open, take a peek inside, count the fireplaces, and see if you can find what is over them:

_____.

3. Depart from the library and proceed down Meadow Street (on your left). At the end of Meadow Street, turn right on Mill Street.
How do you think this street got its name? _____.

4. Cross the Black River using the Iron Bridge, and turn right onto Pleasant Street. Find 3 houses in a row that look alike. They were built for the mill workers.
What colors are they? _____.

5. Continue down Pleasant Street to the United Church on the corner of Elm and Pleasant Streets, Find a plaque on the building.
What does it say? _____.

6. Standing in front of the Church, look across the street and to the right. The 1st white house is where Calvin Coolidge boarded when attending Black River Academy. What color are the shutters?
_____.

7. Proceed down Pleasant Street. Find two houses with arched upper porches (these are called Connecticut River porches). What are these houses numbers? _____

Turn right onto _____ (____) Street, noting the large building on the _____
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corner. This building was formerly a Methodist Church, then a Masonic Temple, and now houses condominiums.

Proceed to the _____ (____) _____ Town Hall. How many arched windows? 9

What was the purpose of the large metal panels next to each window on the sides of Town Hall? _____.

10. Proceed up Depot Street, cross the street carefully, noting the old General Electric building. Over the sign for "The Mill" is a weather vane. What animal is on it?
_____.

Continue along Depot Street to a _____
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Underneath it are the remains of a dam that was used to provide water power for the woolen mill. Find the date on this structure: _____.

Continue up the hill to the Catholic Church. What is pictured in stained glass over the front door? _____.

13. Turn left onto High Street. After a bit, you will find an entrance into the Pleasant View Cemetery. Can you find a gravestone that looks like a tree? What are the names of the people listed on the gravestone?_____.

14. There is a great place to ski nearby. What is its name?
____ (____) ____ ____ ____
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15. Walk back to High Street. Turn left, and follow High Street all the way back to the Black River Academy Museum. Once you are there, climb up the steps.

Where is the treasure box? The _____
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