Danville Town Forest Quest

Danville, Vermont
Difficult
Natural
Trail
1:00
Bring: Binoculars

To Get There:  From the blinking light in Danville, take Route 2 east for 1.1 miles. Turn right on Penny Lane and travel 2.8 miles. Turn left on Access Road...look for the “Town Forest” sign. Travel 0.2 mi. on the single lane, dirt Access Rd. to the clearing. Park in the lot there. The Quest begins at the brochure box.

Clues:
It’s at this walkway
Where you begin
Stay between the parallel poles
And they will lead you within.
Though it’s a road
It’s really our trail
At the first bend there’s an apple tree
Near an old pine
Keep going and you’ll be fine.
After the last cedar rail
You’ll take about twenty-one steps and turn right
The four black cherries will be in sight.

Our bridge is the boss
That you will soon cross
Its continuous strength
Will take you the length
It is a left that you will turn
The rest of the trail you’ll earn.
Along the road  
Then left to woods  
Like in a dream  
You’ll follow our stream  
Alas from our sylvan dream  
You must leave  
Just before you go  
Take pause and deeply breathe.

Welcome to the next section  
Don’t fall down the ridge  
For soon you’ll be crossing  
our primitive bridge  
Beeches  
Birches  
Bugs  
And Brooks  
They’re the essence of our trail’s look.

As you walk along enjoying the serenity  
Stop to take a look above triangle tree  
You will hear the sound of the burbling brook  
Barbed wire, at the stone wall you take a look.  
The skylight above will light your way  
Even if it’s a cloudy day.  
At the end of our section notice the mushroom shelves  
Maybe if you’re quick you’ll see some elves.

When you reach the logging trail  
Don’t go left or right  
Cross it and head up the hill.  
After you’ve reached the top  
How many switchbacks have you climbed?  
The first one’s not so bad  
The second is the worst  
Stop on the third and quench your thirst.

You’re getting closer to the top  
And just before you do  
Notice all the hemlock stumps  
On either side of you.  
Exit our woods into a clearing  
At the stump,  
Left,  
You’ll be steering.
Nearing a fork
Stay to the left
Take a deep breath
It’s almost time to rest.
You’re at the top
You’re climbing’s been completed
The fun’s not over
More hiking is needed.

But before you depart
To the box
You should start
Don’t get “stumped”
Look behind one bench
It’s there, and
Your quest thirst will be quenched.

Descending the hill will be a test
The first step should be to the west
Follow the trail
According to the wood
At the end of the maple grove
Look ahead to the arrow
For ahead the trail should get less narrow
You’re on your way down the logging road
Back to cars and headed for home.
Danville Town Forest
Quest Trail

*Approximate loop
distance .75 mile