



Billings Farm Technology Quest

Woodstock, Vermont

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical

Walking Conditions: Indoor, Pavement

Duration: 0:45

Season: Year Round

Bring: Money

To get there: Take Route 4 west to Woodstock, then follow Route 12 north to Billings Farm and Museum. This Quest takes place in the Billings Farm Museum – 69 Old River Road, Woodstock, VT. – and can only be done when it is open.

August 20 through November 1:

Open Thursday – Tuesday, 10 am to 4pm. Closed Wednesdays

Holiday Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Weekend: Nov. 27, 28 & 29

Wassail Weekend: Dec. 11, 12 & 13

Christmas at the Farm: Dec. 19 – Jan. 3

(Closed Christmas Day)

Maple Celebration: Feb. 13-21, 2021

This Quest and the Billings Brothers of Woodstock Quest make a nice pair. If you do them both, you'll want to do the Billings Brothers Quest first. There is an admission charge to enter the Museum, and this Quest can only be completed when the museum is open.

Clues:

Go to the visitor center desk

This is where you start the Quest

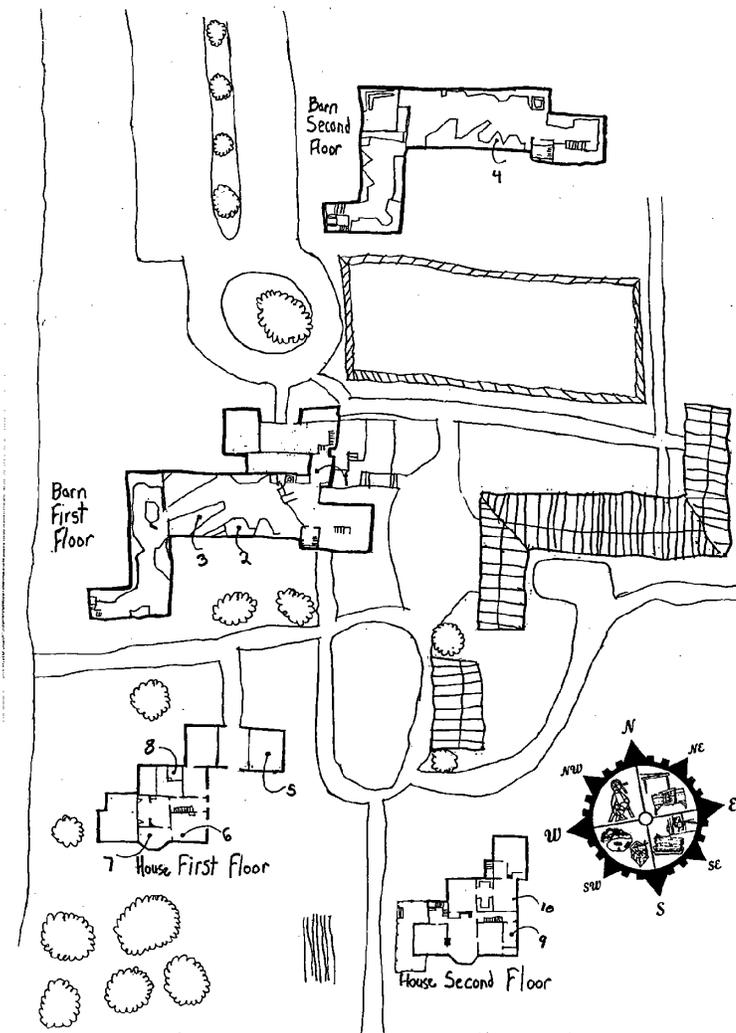
There you can pay to get in,

Now you may begin.

1. Follow the path up the stairs
Find the machine pulled by mares
This is called the bindlochine
Making life for the farmers really keen.

2. Follow the hand... Wander through the tools
You will see the reaper that kept farmers cool.
To do the work were pulleys and wheels
Helping the farmers to harvest the fields.

3. At the Clipper look to your right
See the horse using all its might.



This horse is not in any pain
He's helping cut off the head of grain.

Milking the cow was a daily chore
Turning it into butter which we adore.
Through wheels, axles, and more,
You're nearing the end of this floor.

The workshop is full of useful tools
These farmers were inventors, not fools.
Buckets, fencing, yokes just a few we can name.
This was their life, not a game.

Continue up the stairs
Till you reach a house of great cares.
Look at the pump in the dry sink
Does it have a drain, what do you think?

Go past the school, you better be good
See the church where God is understood.
Go back in time... visit the store
That's where you'll find treats galore.

4. Go through the buckets and taps
Where you would boil and boil the sap.
Hey Mr. Iceman, give me a hand
Ice cutting was hard in Vermont Land.

Follow the hall and down the stairs
Outside is where they have lots of fairs.
Go out the door
Get ready to explore.

5. Dead ahead an oak will lie
With a maple nearby.
Enter through a ground-level door
What you will find is ice and more.

Exit again and move to you right
Up to the stone patio where there is much light.
Enter through door number three

Take a left into the room where butter should be.

6. Water from high on top of Mt. Tom
Would power this wheel from dusk to dawn.
Churning the butter back and forth
Move to the room that's west--not north.

7. View the giant rolling pin
As it sits lying in the bin.
Squeezing the water from the butter
Where it came from out cow's udder.

8. Quick--grab an ice cold drink
Before we show you another link.
Around the corner, in a dark space
A lot of water is stored in this place.

9. Up the stairs and take a right, then right
Look for a box holding water so tight.
This was the exception, not the rule
This farmer has a flushing toilet, how cool!

10. Out the door you came in
Down the hall two rights and spin.
Look at the red pump at the sink
This is how to get water to drink.

The stove heated water to send upstairs
It was warmed so the ladies could wash their hairs.
The tanks made of copper stored it here
This invention they held to their hearts, so dear.

Through the door to the right of the stove that is black
Here the farm manager kept his employees on track.
Out the front porch, stay on the gravel path--
Bear right, towards the chicken barn,
We're almost at the end, oh darn!

Go up 8 stairs
Look out at the mares.
Go up 4 more
Find the treasure to the right of the door!

Now that you've finished the Quest,
Take time out to see the rest.
See how farming today is done--
Visit the cow barn and have some fun!!!

*Created by Mr. Souter's 4th grade class at Woodstock Elementary
School in 2002.*