



Daniel Cady Quest

Brownsville, Vermont

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:45

To get there: *This Quest begins at the Albert Bridge School in Brownsville, VT. From Hartland, follow the Brownsville-Hartland Rd for nine miles. The school will be on your left just before the junction with 44. Coming from Windsor, take 44 for six miles to Brownsville, then turn right on Brownsville-Hartland Rd and the school will be on your right. The Quest begins in the parking lot.*

Clues:

In Brownsville Vermont there is a school
Named Albert Bridge and it is cool.

Park at the flag

Where you can play tag

Don't pass the cemetery it will be a drag

Take a right onto the trail

Where your adventure will not fail.

In 1861 in Brownsville Daniel Cady was born
in a place that raised sheep and grew corn

Cady died in 1934

At the age one less than seventy four

Once on the trail, ahead on your right

Is an outdoor classroom that helps kids stay bright.

Keep going forward to get to the ridge

You'll get there by crossing a snowmobile bridge

Walk up the very steep hill and let's hope it does not hail

The crazy pine tree with many limbs is on the left of the trail.



When you get to the crazy pine, stop.
 It looks dead on the bottom but not on the top.
 Continue still up the hill and out of the wood.
 A house with a red roof is a sign that is good.

Being an attorney made Cady snore.
 But writing poetry was not a bore.
 Cady wrote his first book at 44
 Which opened the door to more.
 VT poet laureate he became
 Writing poems of Vermont life that was certainly not lame

Left onto Strawberry Hill you will go.
 follow the lane it will be a show
 A house on your left you will continue past
 Stop when you see a stone wall you don't need to go fast.

Take a left and pass our last house.
 People still live there so be as quiet as a mouse.
 Go into the woods following the stone wall
 Look around to see trees so tall
 Look for a tree that has a red sign
 Cady, it says in letters so fine.

At the Cady tree you now lie
 Peer to the left and a white building you will spy
 Walk toward it, give it a try.

Now that you face the entrance to where Cady lies
 Your treasure rests in a tree directly behind you
 A fruit this tree bears in the fall time
 You've found your prize now, whew!

Cady had a mausoleum made
 With his wife's money and some from his trade
 It was fully built with Ascutney Granite
 He spent \$38,000 to build it.
 So when he died
 They tried to put the coffin inside
 It wouldn't fit
 Because the opening was just a slit.

Now that you are at the mausoleum, time to go back the way you came.
 The quest is almost done it is such a shame.
 Retrace your steps, the ones you just made
 and you will have this Valley Quest made in the shade!

Other things to do nearby: Hike Mt. Ascutney!

Please be a good steward of the land: leave it better than you found it and pack out any trash you find.



Valley Quest is a collection of treasure hunts that share and teach the natural gems and cultural heritage of the Upper Valley with children, families, adults, and visitors. It is a program of Vital Communities, a regional nonprofit working to engage citizens, organizations, and communities in creating solutions to our region's challenges. Learn more at vitalcommunities.org

