



## Fairlee Glen Falls Quest

### **Fairlee, Vermont**

Physical Difficulty: Moderate

Special Features: Natural

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:30

Bring: a field guide

**To get there:** Take I91 to exit 15, Fairlee. Turn west and take Lake Morey West Drive around the lake for about 1.4 miles to the boat launch. Lake Morey West Drive is not marked, but if you just continue straight after going West off the Interstate, you'll find the Boat Launch ramp.

### **Clues:**

1. If you want to have lots of fun  
Take Exit 15 off I-91.  
Get on the road that goes to the west,  
That's the way to the Fairlee Glen Falls Quest.
2. Stay on this road, you will see  
The access point for Lake Morey, Fairlee.  
Park here and get out of your car  
Go to the Fish and Game sign, it is not far.
3. Walk left 70 steps toward the south,  
Across the road, you'll find the trail mouth  
Enter here, there is no sign  
But the path is quite easy to find.
4. You know you've got it right  
When you see a rock that is white  
It's in the middle of the trail  
An omen that you will not fail.

5. Do you see that old ditch to your right?  
Many years ago this was quite a sight  
A water flume was once right here  
To carry logs from the hill that is near.

6. Soon you come near the brook  
In the middle you should take a look  
An old metal box you will see  
From the past water supply for Fairlee.

7. Continue up the trail to a small cascading waterfall  
You should hike on past this; it's not very tall.  
Go by the dead birch with a big burl  
The trunk is distorted into a big curl.

8. You can now hear Glens Falls singing its song,  
Keep on the main path; it won't take long  
To reach a cement post to the right of the trail  
You must find this post or your quest will fail.

9. The post is the correct one you will know,  
Because the sides of it are painted yellow.  
To reach your quest goal from here, it is a fact  
That you will have to perform a little bushwhack.

10. Turn right from the main trail at the post.  
Go straight uphill for a minute at most.  
You'll reach many trees that have taken a fall.  
To the right of these is a stump that is 8 feet tall.

11. Walk toward that stump; and you certainly will reach it at last.  
To create this stump, a tree was blown down in a wind blast.  
On the ground toward Glen Falls, is the rest of this tree  
And laying over this sideways, a fallen birch you will see.

12. The forked dead birch points uphill to your treasure  
To find it you must make take this careful measure  
Go 20 feet beyond the fork of the birch tree  
Another rotting log is what you must see.

13. Look in the end of this log with your eyes  
This is where you'll find the final prize.  
Open the box and you will see  
Pictures of the Glen Falls history.

14. And then after you take a look  
You may want to sign the Guest book  
Your quest is complete  
That was quite a feat!

15. Go back to the trail and you can have another treat  
Follow it to Glen Falls for a view that can't be beat  
A bridge used to span the top  
It is gone now, please don't try to hop.

16. You've done the hard part,  
You gave it your heart  
You can now go back to your car  
It really is not very far.

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**Other things to do nearby:** Eat at the world famous Fairlee Diner!

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



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