



Flat Rock Quest

Orford, New Hampshire

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Natural

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:15

Season: May-Oct

Bring: Swimsuit, fishing pole

To get there: From Route 10 in Orford, take 25A East for about 4 miles to Quinttown Road. Turn right onto Quinttown Road and go almost exactly one mile until you see the flat rock cascade and pool on your right. Parking is on the left. The road widens out just a bit to allow for parking.

Overview:

Welcome to a favorite swimming hole and fishing spot.

Clues:

1. Start where you park.
2. Go to the big boulder
Beware it's colder.
3. Go to the pool
and you'll be cool.
4. Go to the bank
and don't get spanked.
5. Go to the upper edge of Flat Rock.
Don't slip and take a dip.
6. Go to the culvert and
try not to take a slide ride.

7. Go to the middle of Flat Rock, Doc.
8. Go to the steps but don't get wet.
9. Go back to the upper edge—duck your shoulder so you don't hit the boulder.
10. Go to the left of the outflowing culvert. Scramble carefully so a nasty fall you'll avert.
11. Look there to the base of a pair of handsome hemlocks. Hidden among those rocks you'll find the box.

This Quest was created by Sue Kling's Second Graders at Orford Elementary School in 1998.

Other things to do nearby: Mt. Cube is a great hike nearby that you could do before rewarding yourself with a swim at the Flat Rock Quest. Mt. Cube has its own Quest, Gimli & Legolas!

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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