



## Hemlock Paradise Pool Quest

### **Thetford, Vermont**

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Natural, Vista

Walking Conditions: Trail

Duration: 0:45

Bring: Binoculars, Swimsuit

*To get there: From Exit 14 off I-91 follow Rt. 113 West up over Thetford Hill and down into Thetford Center. Park at the Village Store on the right, then cross the road to the Thetford Center Community Association, where the Quest begins.*

#### **Clues:**

Sit on the swings,  
As you fling up,  
From your high perch  
Look out at the red brick church.

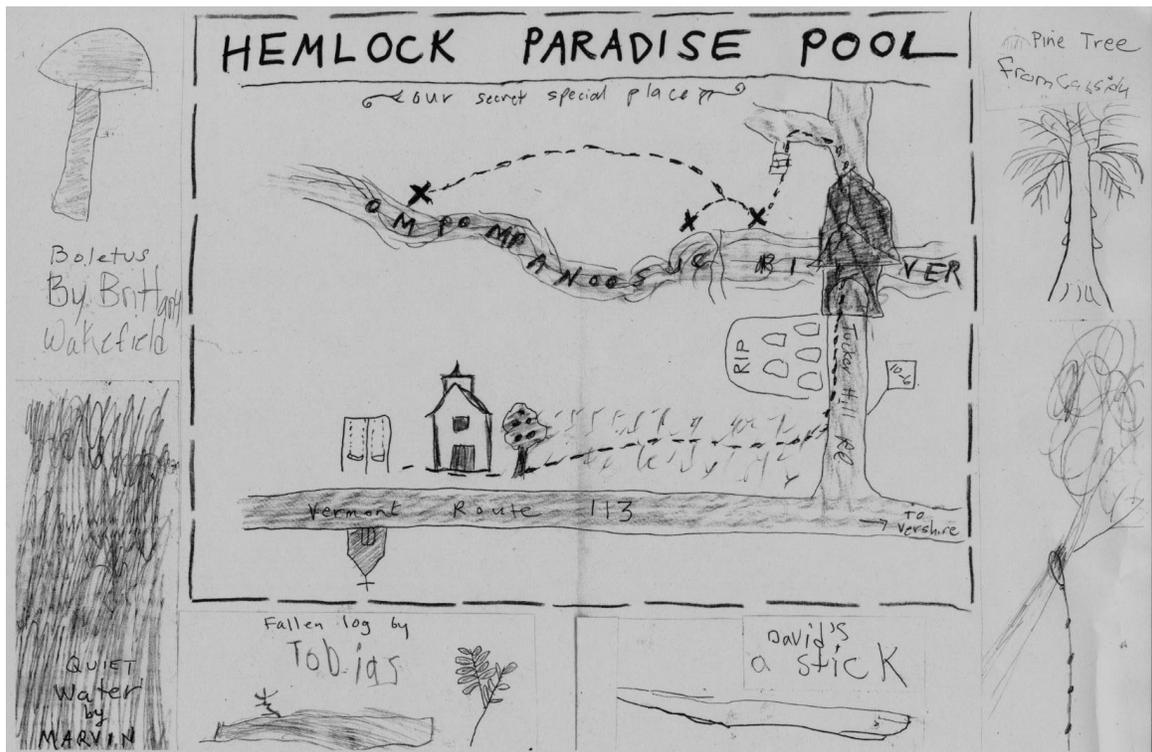
Walk up the ramp,  
And down the steps.  
Then under the apple tree  
Heading across the field that's kept.

Move on to the sign that says 10' 6"  
If you don't head LEFT down the road, you'll get in a fix.  
Next, pass a field of horses with a fence of sticks.  
Then, pass the day lilies, you bunch of sillies!

Keep on past old stones, near the rocky wall  
You will begin to hear the sound of our waterfall.  
And at the white and green house?  
Shhh.....quiet as a mouse!

Hear the river, barking dogs, birds and insects  
 As you take a stroll through the cool, dark, wooden bridge?  
 Now quick! Take a left. Then, left again down  
 Into the jungle of Japanese Knotweed.

Welcome to the "Top of the Falls,"  
 Where the water is held back by old stone mill walls.  
 Now this place is home to green frogs and minnows,  
 Turtles, crayfish, and dragonflies.



Stop here for a swim ...the water is warm.  
 Listen to cars cross the bridge. Sounds like a thunderstorm!  
 Be careful for there are sharp rocks,  
 Because of the current please stay well back from the falls.

What comes next?  
 The next side trail.  
 Taking a look  
 Is worth it in my book!

Now, to get to "Hemlock Paradise Pool"  
Pass between the posts of wood.  
Follow the trail down through the forest  
Then pass through a field with black raspberries ...so good!

As you enter the forest once again,  
You've found "Hemlock Paradise Pool," my friend.  
Jump in! Take a swim!  
As lovely a place as we've ever been.

Still looking for the Valley Quest box?  
To let us know that you've come here?  
With river ahead, they'll be a pair of birch up & behind.  
And where their trunks hit the forest floor...  
Just what do you think you will find?