



Mount Tom Quest

Woodstock, Vermont

Special Features: Natural, Vista

Physical Difficulty: Difficult

Duration: 1:30

Bring: Binoculars, Field Guide, Compass

To get there: Take Route 4 into Woodstock. From the northwest side of the Woodstock Green, cross the covered bridge and follow Mountain Avenue around to the park on the right. Take any of the paved paths to the trail going up Mount Tom. Follow the switch-back trail (the Faulkner Trail) up the front face of Mount Tom. Don't go all the way around, remember to switch back and avoid the cut throughs, they cause erosion!

Clues:

The Quest begins when you get to the top!

When you reach the final rise,
Turn around and open your eyes.

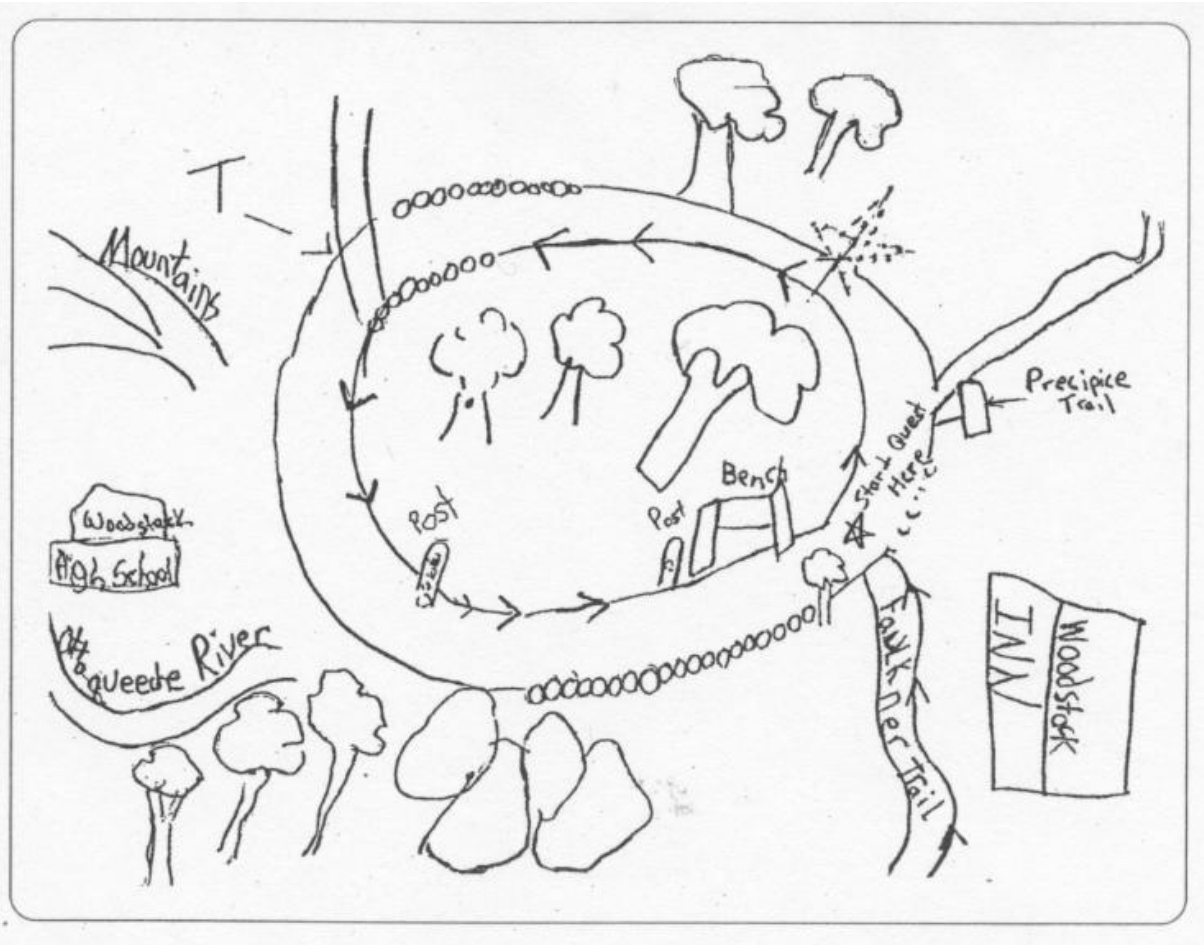
Take a rest and pull up your sock,
The town below is our Woodstock.

If you do not wish to fail,
Head towards Precipice Trail.
(Sometimes the sign is down – but it is the trail around the top.)

Don't head down this trail but stay up top,
With each step you are closer to the final stop.

Continue along the path but not too far,
Look up to see our Cross and Star.

Keep on walking, look to your right and left for the rock wall.
Mt. Tom is basically flat up here so you will not fall.



The path will soon come to a T,
Please stay to the left and have a see.

You will now be looking out to the west,
Killington is the mountain whose height is the best.

Look down and see the Ottawaquechee River, which is cool,
Along Route 4 you can see the Woodstock High School.

As you walk, notice on your left is a post,
With faces that may remind you of a ghost.

As you walk further, the rock wall will be on your right,
And the town of Woodstock should come into your sight.

The big white building is the Woodstock Inn,
The Quest is near complete and you shall win.

Turn your body to the right and walk to center point between the two ghosts.

Now look to the trunks of the trees for the treasure you want most!

This Quest was created by Steve Pruyne and Jamie MacDonald in 1997.

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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