



The Palisades Quest

Fairlee, Vermont

Special Features: Natural

Physical Difficulty: Difficult

Duration: 1:00

Bring: Binoculars, Compass, Field Guide

To get there: Take I-91 to exit 15. Go west off the exit ramp, and take a right onto Lake Morey Road East. Turn into the Fire Station; and park in the far, southeast corner of the lot (area closest to the Interstate).

Overview:

This Quest is a steep climb to a beautiful south view of the Connecticut River Valley. The cliffs beyond the Quest site serve as an important nesting site for Peregrine falcons, as well. Peregrine falcons are an endangered species—and this is a protected area during the nesting season. Please don't go beyond the Quest box.

Clues:

1. Park the car in the lot. Don't stop to rest.

Follow the fence, there is no bench.

Walks towards the highway,

U-turn, and look ahead for the pathway.

2. Along the off ramp, look up on a tree,

A "Lake Morey" trails marker is what you will see.

3. Travel against traffic, there's a long needled pine branch...

Take a turn to the left, giving the highway a last glance.

Into the woods! This is the path to the treasure.

4. Caution, when you climb this mountain.

Be careful you do not disturb the falcons.

These birds are a protected species,

And are nesting nearby among the rocks & trees.

5. Follow the fence; it's on your left.
The path is steep, so do not weep.
Through the break, don't let the barbed wire bite.
Now look, it's on your right.

6. Take a break, to see our lake. It's on your left.
After a few steps, stop! We don't want you to drop.

7. Horray, horray, you're on your way!
Zig, zag, zig, zag for this part of the day.

You will find two forks in the trail -- make the sure to bear right,
unless you don't want to do this Quest right!

8. At this egg, we named her Meg.
No need to whine, it's time to dine.
Sorry no diner, this place is finer.

9. On your feet, slow and sweet.
Walk across the log bridge you meet.

10. Out of the woods to a clearing,
Don't touch too high, or you'll fry!
Stand under the wire. Go to the front support cable.
Turn to left and walk four steps.
Turn to view. Walk 12 steps to the rock pile.
Dig around and you will come upon our treasure box.
Look inside; it's stamping time!

Created by Joyce Berube's Girl Scout troop in 1998.

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.

Have a suggestion, question, comment, or idea for us? We'd love to hear from you. Reach us at valleyquest@vitalcommunities.org or 802-291-9100.



a cairn is a pile
of stones usually
used as a memorial
or marker