



Springfield Mills Quest

Springfield, Vermont

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Natural, Historical, Architectural

Walking Conditions: Pavement

Duration: 1:30

Bring: Pencil

To get there: Take I-91 to Exit 7. Take Route 11 west into downtown Springfield. Just after the first functional traffic light, make a right into the parking lot at People's United Bank. Your Quest begins here. **NOTE:** This Quest can only be successfully completed at the following times: Monday through Thursday 9am until 8pm; Friday 9am until 5pm; Saturday 10am until 3pm; and Sundays June through August from 10 am until 1 pm.

Clues:

From your parking place look downtown
Until you see the steeple brown.
Cross Main Street and walk through the light
Our library is on your right.

The Bank Block is across and down
For a long time it's been the heart of town.
It housed the phone exchange and jail
A radio station and 2 banks as well.

On this Quest you will need to collect
Some numbers that are correct.
Count the letters in the Bank Block name
This is how you start our game. ____

10

Our game won't come with many tricks.
We promise, just look for the church made of red brick!

The next step of your treasure hunt
Is to count the number of pillars out in front. _____
4

Keep strolling and soon you'll see
A big building that is still a factory.
It's Lovejoy's machine tool shop
And this is where you've got to stop.

On the front of the building left from the door
Is a sign with numbers for the ISO.
Take the last number on this sign
And double it, you're doing fine _____
11

The community center is attached to Lovejoy's
It's where we keep our many toys.
It used to be part of the factory
But now it is used by you and me.

On the side are games we like to play
Look at the bingo board on display.
Take the top number under the "N"
And reverse the two digits and minus 2 _____ to get your end.
9

Now cross the bridge over the River Black
It's been the heart of our city all the way back.
This river gave power to all of our plants
The dams and the turbines cranked out the amps.

On the corner is a stop sign
And after you take a right, travel a straight line.
You must walk down Mineral Street
Don't go left, it's too steep.

On this road there are a few
Places where you can stop and see the view.
But one is better than the rest
From here you will see your whole Quest.

Look far and wide across our town
Add 3 to the number of steeples you can count. _____
5

Now walk on down the street some more
To Jones and Lamson's three and four.
The street number is especially too
Because it's first digit is another clue! _____

13

Here is where they made the machines
That made Springfield tops in the industrial scene.
It's where the state now keeps their books
Inside are murals that are worth a look.

To your right is the river parking lot
It's where tired trains were brought.
The dam was built to harness power
During J & L's finest hours.

Now on you go to Comtu Falls
It's around the corner and not so small.
Its name in Abenaki means "great noise"
Go to the bridge and hear its voice.

The next numbers for your Quest
Are the first two of the bridge date—forget the rest. _____

19

On the Comtu building is your next clue
Take the address multiplied by two plus 5. _____

15

About face, and back towards the falls
But this time, don't continue towards the town hall.
To the plaque on the bridge you must return
And this time, the last two digits of the year from the clue you earn.

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Cross the bridge and continue on your quest
But once you reach the four-way intersection, we make a request:

Four brick buildings flank where two streets cross
Peer at the titles of those buildings, sitting high up and across.
They were named after important people, but some more famous than
the rest
The number of buildings named after presidents gives you the next clue
to your Quest. _____

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Now you're back on our Main Street
 Walk left until Valley Street you meet.
 Cross over to look at the Methodist's place
 Take the first two numbers from the date. _____
 12

Now walk back to Main and make a left
 Pass your car which you have left.
 Count the number of letters in the first name of the bank
 Now add that to 5 to fill in the blank _____ + 5 = _____
 6

Across the street is a building blue
 It was the home of a pretty odd crew.
 The International Order of Odd Fellows was there
 They did good works in our City Fair.

Your next clue is in their construction date
 Take the first two numbers without delay. _____
 You're nearly ready to find the spot 14
 Where we've hidden the Valley Quest box.

Head south on main towards the intersection,
 On your way, count the number of pillars on the fountain. _____
 8

Take your numbers and match them to
 Their letter partners to make your clue.
 Now fill the letters into the blanks below
 To find the name of where you must go

If you need one last little hint from us
 Keep on walking down Main past the bus.
 Then cross at the light and walk until you're finding
 The name of your goal—it's on their building.

SOLVING THE QUEST

You can find out which numbers match which letters by filling in this little chart. A = 1, B = 2 and so forth.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Now, place the correct letter in each numbered space to find the location of the Valley Quest treasure box.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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