



The Fells Quest

Newbury, New Hampshire

Special Features: Natural, Historical

Physical Difficulty: Moderate

Duration: 1:00

Bring: Money for entrance fee, pencil

To get there:

Take I-89 south to Exit 12. Take a right off the exit ramp. Make an immediate left onto Rte. 103A and follow it for 5.6 miles to The Fells. The Fells will be on your right. Park just inside the gate. Grounds open year-round 9am- 5pm. Check the [website](#) for admission fees.

Overview:

Located in Newbury, New Hampshire, on the shores of Lake Sunapee, The Fells was the summer retreat for three generations of the Hay family: Secretary of State John M. Hay, who also served as private secretary to Abraham Lincoln; Clarence Hay, a noted archaeologist, who developed the gardens with his wife, Alice Appleton Hay; and nature writer John Hay. The estate is now open to the public and operates as a historic site, public garden, and wildlife refuge. It is named the Fells, because the land reminded John Hay of his ancestral homeland in Scotland, where rocky upland pastures are referred to as "Fells."

Clues:

1. Horse and buggy once drove through the gates.

Now you bring your car.

As you start the Quest today,

This is where you are. ___ ___ ___ (___) ___ ___ ___ ___ (___).

2. The little gatehouse is just the start

Of the grand ___ (___) ___ ___ ___ this used to be.

Then head down the driveway, wide and long.

To see the wildlife, walk very quietly.

3. At the fork in the road you'll see the house,
And a field of shrubs whose fruit is blue.
A food to make and serve with these,
Is a _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ _ muffin clue!
4. Go left on the road and behind the house,
Then through the gate in the high
_ _ _ _ _ () wall.
Follow the sound of a fountain's splash,
But be careful, we don't want you to fall!
5. Now turn and walk to the wide brick porch,
And count the columns all in a row.
These () _ _ _ _ _ pillars of grace and strength
Make quite an impressive show.
6. From the lawns, gaze out to the field,
And look to the end of the wall.
Since 1902, when the 26th _ () _ _ _ _ _ was here,
Teddy Roosevelt's Maple has stood tall.
7. Now climb the steps on your right to the forest edge,
And walk back to the back of the row.
Notice the leaves of B _ _ _ () _ and B _ _ _ () _ .
How tall and silently these trees grow.
8. Turn left on a path to a magical place,
By the wooden bench that's painted _ _ _ () _ _ _ .
Enter a forgotten garden of shady rooms
Behind the big leafy rhododendrons' height.
9. Now find a shaft of marble quite tall,
Once a portrait head of half-goat and half-man .
He graced this garden of whispering trees,
The Greek God of the woodland named _ _ _ () .
(Hint: his name rhymes with "fan.")
10. Take the circled letters from your answers true,
And write them down in a line.
Scramble them all into two new words.
Near that structure the Quest box you'll find.

(A clue for those who need some aid:
It's what the moonstruck mason laid.)

This Quest was created by Maggie Stier and Loa Winter in 1998.