

## **ENJOY A SUMMER HIKE: TRY THE FAXON PARK QUEST!**

A Quest is an educational treasure hunt that involves following a series of clues on a self-guiding trail that will lead to a hidden "treasure box" with a stamp, stamp pad, information on the area of the quest and notebook for questers to record their impressions of the trail. Questers can stamp their trail guide with the stamp provided in the box.

The idea of Quests came from Devon, England in 1854. Currently, there are more than 15 Quests on the South Shore. (visit [www.geocities.com/ddthures/southshorequests](http://www.geocities.com/ddthures/southshorequests) to learn more).

The Faxon Park Quest is the first Quest in Quincy and was created by Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Troop #4991. The Park Department and the City of Quincy are extremely grateful to the following Girl Scouts who spent countless hours creating this fun and exciting trail: Katie Anderson, Katie Carew, Genevieve Humez-Rousseau, Carolyn Lewis, Jenna Lundin, Lorrie Oakes, Kathy Peters, Samantha Shaw and Lindsay Witham. They were assisted by: Ellen Humez-Rousseau, Philomena Lewis, Kathy Shaw, Stephanie Tetreault and Melissa Lewis. The Quest has been revised by Sally Owen and Maura O'Gara to account for changing natural conditions.

This quest will take about 45 minutes to complete. All the clues are letters that can be placed in the boxes at the end of this guide. They will form 2 words that will help you find the Quest treasure box.

Faxon Park is located in South Quincy on Faxon Park Road. Enter and drive up to the parking lot at the top next to the pavilion.

Go up to the center of the grassy circle at the lookout to start your quest.

Walk towards the wall until you can see the sea

Find a bench behind a tree.

See the tallest structure in your view

Find the upside down letter holding up the ends

The structure is not very new.

Write the letter in block #8.

Walk counterclockwise through the opening in the wall

Then along the grass on the right side of the road.

Pass two trees

But do not step on the pavement please!

When you reach the "Do Not Enter" sign

Look up to the right

And to a bench do climb.

(Do not cross the road to reach this clue

It will not do!)

Sit on the bench and look straight ahead.

How many stone tables do you see?

Write the last letter of the number in box #3.

Look through the trees to the north to the rainbow  
Use the last letter of the capital city that looks pretty  
And put it in box #4.

Stand up and look northwest  
Walk to the large triangle rock to continue your quest.  
Can you tell how quarry workers cut it well?  
Sit down on the bench to take a rest.  
Finding the next clue will not be a hard test.  
The clue is right in front of you.  
Write the letter in box #2.

Stand up and take a left on the grassy path  
Pass by the next bench on the left  
Stay right on the trail, you just had a rest!  
Sit down on the next bench and look back over your shoulder.  
The clue is behind the tree on a boulder  
Put this letter in box #1.

Continue on the path downhill, passing a trail that enters from the left.  
Stay to the right until you reach the next bench.  
Have a seat on the bench, what can you see?  
Find the diamond through the trees.  
One strike, two strikes, three strikes, you're out!  
Lots of people shout  
This game is played with a team of nine.  
Put the fourth letter of this sport in box #5 and you'll be fine.

Stand up and follow the road to the left  
Sit on the scalloped bench to your right.  
If there is a game going on, you will have to turn around  
The clue is in front of you, on a rock close to the ground.  
Put this letter in box #9.

Walk on the grassy path to the right.  
Faxon Park Road will be in sight.  
Go to the left at the fork until you pass two spruce trees  
Stay inside the park boundaries please.  
Pass the tree with a V  
And bump on its knee.  
Look straight down the path  
Do you see the oak tree in the middle?  
Step on the highest rock at its base  
Southeast is the way you want to face.

If the road is at your back  
You are on track!  
Look toward the trees  
See the rocks you can climb  
Zig-zag on the path to the left, then right and there you will find...  
Stand at the bench and look at the rock with graffiti  
Find your clue on the rock at the root of the tree  
Write this in box #7.

Walk over the flat rocks to the peak  
Descend to the path that you seek  
(Do you see any edible berries around?)  
To be sure of your position  
Look for the Q on the tree  
Go to the right until you find a path on the left  
(If you are on tar, you have gone too far.)

Pass a bench on your left  
Follow the path to its end  
The rock on the right will be your friend  
Follow the arrow to find your way  
Up the rocky pathway.

Come to the tar road and go left up the road  
To the first tree on your right  
Follow the path through the woods  
Admire the fallen slate roof  
See the broken stone wall  
Fixed with modern techniques  
Climb over and follow the path  
At the 2 big old oaks go right.

Go up the hill, here's the test  
Follow and count the Qs to continue your quest  
Continue your rocky descent after the third Q.

At the bottom of the hill  
Take the trail to your left  
Down the path find the first V tree on your right  
Your last clue will be found on a rock in plain view.  
Put it in box #6  
Stand with your left hip on the last clue  
Look up the hill and you will see  
Where your treasure should be!

Look in the box and stamp your sheet

Make sure to leave all contents behind  
So others a nice treasure will find  
Before you leave, please sign your name  
So we will know if you enjoyed our game.

Follow the path back to the pavilion to depart  
(Watch out for poison ivy on the right as you exit the trail)  
We hope you go home with a happy heart!

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