Clues Continued...

By the last big beaver-chewed tree on flat ground,
Face Kendall Lake Shelter and then turn around.

Walk 35 steps toward the big rock you see.
In a log that stands up your treasure will be.

Your counting day is almost done.
A new quest stamp has been won!

A left returns you to the trail just beyond this spot.
Circle right 'round the lake, back to the parking lot.

What about your numbers, now we're done?
The counting-box challenge was just for fun!

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This quest was written by Penny Uhlenbrock, a park ranger for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. It was updated in 2012.

How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

The questing season runs from April 15 through November 15.

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Arrye Rosser at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 100 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

For more information and to get copies of other quests, visit ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.

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Canalway Quest

1, 2, 3 Come Quest with Me

Young children and grownups, enjoy this counting adventure around Kendall Lake.

Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 60 minutes. This easy, unpaved trail has a few inclines and can be muddy in places. Insect repellent and hiking shoes are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to write your answers and sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker.

Getting There

Start in the parking lot at Kendall Lake, Truxell/Kendall Park Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula, Ohio 44264.

Clues

Numbers surround us every day,
So follow this quest, and count you may!

Bring a pencil, crayon, or pen
To write numbers in the boxes within.

Start by finding 1 building next to a lake.
Go toward it now, make no mistake.

Once you are there, your count begins.
What's the number of stairs going up and in?

Exit the shelter towards the lake below.
Turn left to the forest, careful as you go.

See 1 tree as bare as bones,
Standing by the water all alone.

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Bear right into the woods and look around.
Do you see something almost chewed down?

How many trees can you count out
That have chews from a beaver's mouth?

Up a hill you must climb with eyes open wide,
Keeping water on your right side.

Find a pine needle bundle down by your feet.
Count the number of needles once—don't repeat!

Go until a way you must choose.
Right is the path to walk and not lose.

The trail becomes rockier as you move along.
Many things to count as birds sing their songs.

Hidden among plants are 2 old wooden posts.
Look left and then right, can you find them both?

Head toward the tunnel and go ahead in.
You are well on your way, so keep up the grin!

As you walk through, be sure to shout!
Count square holes above before you are out.

Find 1 cut stump with a hole in the middle.
Since you have a photo, there will be no riddle.

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Look at the lake as you make your way.
How many turtles sun on logs today?

Continue on the trail—don't stop now.
You are counting well, so take a bow.

Count again to continue this tale.
How many times does water run under the trail?

Find a field, open and wide—
This is not where the treasure hides.

Keep marching along the water's edge,
Watching your step as you travel the ledge.

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Look around the trail you stay on.
How many twin trees do you happen upon?

You are almost there—the end is in sight!
Take a small grassy path to the water on right.

Far across the lake, stop and look.
Count the benches where fish are hooked.