



## Wilde Trail/Spruce Brook Trail Snowshoe Quest

Hazen's Notch Association, Montgomery, Vermont

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Equipment Needed:** Snowshoes

**Estimated Time:** 1 hour

Open Winter Solstice through Vernal Equinox

How to get there: From the Ski Center on Route 58, the Hazen's Notch Road, cross the road to the south side. The starting point is the Wilde Trail to the left.

Clues:

Imagine the sights and sounds in the verse below.

And keep a keen eye and ear for signs as we go.

Up to the woods with stories untold  
Red squirrels from lofty trees do scold  
Round the bend by a very old ash  
Swift rabbits from red fox quickly dash.

To the next bend and higher we go  
Low hemlock limbs hold piles of snow  
A still brown bird hides beneath – ruffed grouse  
Much smaller than that – white-footed mouse.

Past the third switchback and forward still  
Seek Coyote Connector, which will  
Take us down to cross a frozen stream  
Where Coyote Meadow greets our team.

Up and up the old Sugar House Trail  
Our quest is closer – we will not fail  
Sugar House left – Look uphill and see  
Very tall, dead sugar maple tree.

At the tree's base go around and look  
Our Quest Box is tucked into a nook.

[The Quest Box contains a paper certificate with the information presented on this quest.  
Collect one copy and when the group returns to the Ski Center, an "Official" Hazen's  
Notch Association stamp will be affixed]

Time is now up; it's time to go back  
Down Sugar Hill we'll retrace our track

Let's take Spruce Brook Trail for a new route  
From the large dead tree an owl might hoot  
Spruce Brook is home to many creatures  
They are our friends and our wild teachers.

This Quest was created by Deborah Benjamin, staff naturalist, Hazen's Notch Association.

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