



SUPERQUEST

2016

WELCOME TO THE 2016 UPPER VALLEY SUPER QUEST!

Spend your spring, summer, and fall using treasure hunts to discover the history, culture, and natural beauty of the Upper Valley: special places like Lyme Pinnacle, Bill Hill, Flat Rock, Eagle Hollow, and the Esther Currier Wildlife Sanctuary. You will earn points for each journey. Collect 10 points to earn a Super Quest patch. Collect 25 points to be entered into a drawing to win the grand prize. For every item you complete, fill in the number of points you have earned.

Once you've collected all your points, you can notify us in one of three ways to claim your prizes:

- Submit your points online at VitalCommunities.org/SuperQuest
- E-mail us your points at ValleyQuest@VitalCommunities.org
- Mail this form to Vital Communities, 195 N Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

START

- Register your Super Quest team at VitalCommunities.org/SuperQuest
1 POINT FOR EACH MEMBER
- Finish a Quest in your town
2 POINTS PER QUEST
- Go on a Quest you've never been on before
2 POINTS PER QUEST
- Take a friend Questing with you
2 POINTS PER QUEST
- Sign up a friend for the Super Quest **5 POINTS PER FRIEND (TELL US THEIR NAME)**
- Download the new Valley Quest app on the iTunes store and tell us what you think
10 POINTS
- Take public transit to go Questing
5 POINTS

Email us a photo from a Questing adventure or post one to our Facebook page facebook.com/VitalCommunities/
3 POINTS

Go on an architectural Quest (ex. Architecture Quest, Windsor, VT)
2 POINTS PER QUEST

Go on an historical Quest (ex. Beaver Meadow Quest, Norwich, VT)
2 POINTS PER QUEST

Go on a Civil War Quest (ex. Hartford in the Civil War, Hartford, VT)
2 POINTS PER QUEST

Go on a natural Quest (ex. Esther Currier Wildlife Sanctuary, Elkins, NH)
2 POINTS PER QUEST

Hike a mountain on a Quest (ex. Pinnacle Hill, Lyme, NH)
5 POINTS PER QUEST

Go on a Quest from the Best of Valley Quest book
2 POINTS PER QUEST

Write your own Quest and send it to us!
20 POINTS PER QUEST

Win prizes!

Collect 10 points to earn a Super Quest patch for each member of your team, and Collect 25 points to be entered into a drawing to win the grand prize!

BILL HILL QUEST

THETFORD, VERMONT

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

THEMES: Historical, Natural, Vista

TERRAIN: Trail

DURATION: 1 Hour

HELPFUL ITEMS: Please bring binoculars, and a field guide

DIRECTIONS: From Exit 14 off I-91 follow Rt. 113 West up over Thetford Hill and down into Thetford Center. Turn left onto Tucker Hill Rd. Just past the covered bridge turn left into the driveway and park at the "Trailhead Parking" sign.

CLUES:

Before you start just look around
What near this Quest trail can be found?

A sugar house, ready to go
Which might be envied by Thoreau!

In feet, it counts eight by eleven,
In syrup, sometimes twenty-seven

Gallons per year for Mr. Perrin,
Who for the maple trees was caring.

Across the driveway steps lead down
(Invasive knotweed covers ground),

And straight ahead, without a hitch
You see the falls and the covered bridge.

This path follows the river's bends.
And at Union Village Dam it ends!

But YOU go back: The Trailhead Parking leads
To an old gearbox in the weeds.

Who used it? Maybe Henry Bill,
Who gave the name to our hill?

No, he lived in the eighteen hundreds.
The land was cleared and sheep here wandered.

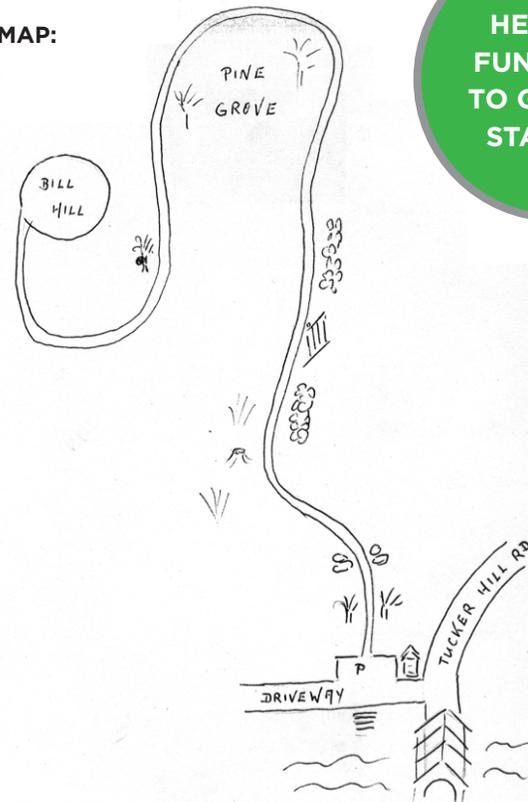
Now start your Quest where you can name
"White Pine" - "White Birch", they form a frame.

Light blue blazes you will have to follow.
They guide you through a grassy hollow

Until you reach a rocky cleft.

Twin spruce trees guard it on your left.

MAP:



HERE'S A
FUN QUEST
TO GET YOU
STARTED!

The trail climbs up along barbed wire,
Then joins the stone wall a bit higher.

These walls, once built to keep sheep in,
Restored they were by Noel Perrin.

Stumps on the left are soft and spongy;
How many years the tree rings tell ye?

Beyond the metal gate in the wall,
A stand of red pines straight and tall

Was planted on the steeper slope.
The trail goes round it and your hope

For better views is soon rewarded:
The open pasture does afford it!

Caused by a fungus, you'll soon see
A "Black Knot" on a cherry tree

Before the upper field you round,
Where weeds, berries & wild flowers abound.

"A lump of glacial debris" way up on top
Marks where your Questing will stop.

T'was Noel Perrin's favorite view,
Conserved for people just like you,

Who wander up and always will
Enjoy the sights from old "Bill Hill".