

# THE QUEST OF THE GRIFFIN'S PERCH

**Begin at the western edge of the Great House. Look overhead, not just at the balcony, but also a summer bed.**

*Cornelius, the eldest of the two Castle Kids, would string a hammock across the balcony and sleep there on warm summer nights. From where you stand, a path descends to the Formal Garden, once filled with beautiful flowers. Go check it out and then come back.*

**Move away from the porch and head to the east. Here you will find a patio guarded by not one, but a pair of giant beasts.**

*These griffins are guardians of the house. Half eagle, half lion, cast in lead. They were given as a gift to the family by former employees of the Crane Company. The sculptures were made by renowned artist Paul Manship. Can you find the one difference between these two griffins?*

**Now turn around and admire the view. Then walk away from the statues while the statues admire you.**

*As you venture down the Grand Allee, designed by landscape architect Arthur Schurcliff, investigate the figures flanking the lawn. Here unexpected details abound, like the man holding sausages and the woman with wheat in her arms.*



**When you finally hit a wall, continue down the stairs. The lawn you see hides a pool... capped and buried there.**

*To your left, the Casino was built for medium sized gatherings. To the right, the Gentleman's Quarters was built to house single men on overnight visits.*

**When you've seen enough, turn around and leave the way you came. Head up the hill, toward the east, to the ocean side domain.**

*From the East Terrace of the Great House, you can see Crane Beach stretching out before you. This barrier beach is five miles long. In the distance, you can see Cape Ann, with Rockport, Gloucester and Essex all immediately visible. Directly in front of you, the Bowling Green (currently being restored) was used for lawn games and other leisurely pursuits.*

**Now make your way around the house and continue down the lane. Somewhere near, beneath the hedge, is the reason why you came.**

*Congratulations. You have completed the Quest of the Griffin's Perch. Claim your prize and make your mark. Make sure to put the box back where you found it and keep the secret safe.*



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