



Menemsha Hills Quest

NORTH ROAD, CHILMARK
MARTHA'S VINEYARD

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HOW TO QUEST

Use the clues follow to find a hidden treasure and story about Menemsha Hills Reservation. Along the way you'll have fun, and learn to see (and read) land use clues and history.

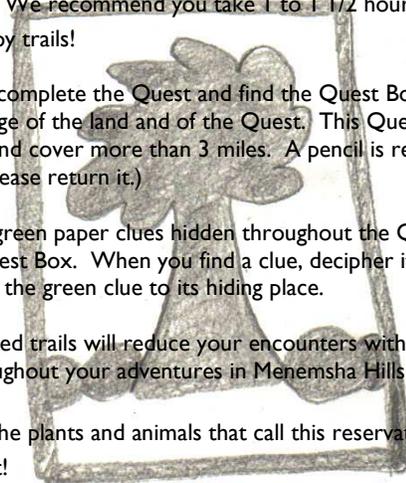
At the end of this Quest you'll find a hidden treasure box, where you can sign in, collect a copy of our Quest's stamp, and then replace the box for the next visitor. We recommend you take 1 to 1 1/2 hours to enjoy this adventure. Happy trails!

To successfully complete the Quest and find the Quest Box, you must learn the language of the land and of the Quest. This Quest will take you about 3 hours and cover more than 3 miles. A pencil is required. (If you borrow ours, please return it.)

There are two green paper clues hidden throughout the Quest to help you find the Quest Box. When you find a clue, decipher it in this booklet and then return the green clue to its hiding place.

Staying on marked trails will reduce your encounters with both ticks and poison ivy throughout your adventures in Menemsha Hills.

Please respect the plants and animals that call this reservation home and enjoy the Quest!



Menemsha Hills

What is the name of this Hill?

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Northwest, the Elizabeth Islands you can see,
 From left to right they will be:
 Cuttyhunk, Nashawena, Pasque and Naushon;
 It is on their shores the waves wash on.

Look for an island to the southwest,
 That was a place to munitions test.
 War games there were played,
 Which left the land a little bit frayed.

Tequenoman was a Wampanoag tribal chief,
 The island was named Nomans to keep it brief.
 Back down the hill on the trail you go,
 To the fork that you already know.

It is left again, a trail new to you and to me,
 Look for a stone wall, like a sheep farmer might see.
 Through the stone wall with its intricate design,
 Cross a dirt road, stay on the trail until you see a sign.

At this next fork, choose the trail to the right!

Scrubby oak trees surround the trail,
 Keep walking and you will not fail.
 In the middle of the path a tree stands tall,
 It is obvious that you are not in the mall.

Remember the name,
 Of the glacial rocks' fame.
 From the Latin word for wander,
 Write below the name that you ponder.

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Find a stone bench on which to rest,
 Overlooking the ocean is definitely best!
 In honor of Ed and Norma, and Lou and Bea,
 These beloved parents wouldn't want you to flee.

Walk the main trail toward the sea, be persistent;
 Answer the questions, always consistent.
 Go through a stone wall of rock types three,
 Sedimentary, Metamorphic, and another they be.

What geologists call rocks made from volcanic fires,
 Write the rock type below and you will be hired!

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Keep hiking until another split,
 Menemsha Hills will keep you fit!
 At this trail split, don't go left!
 Follow straight, the ocean is your next gift.

Up the hill at this next trail choice,
 Use your nose and not your voice.
 The sea smell takes you there,
 In French they call it La Mer.

This is the Great Sand Overlook,
 And it is more beautiful than a picture book.

A view to the right,
 Will put in your sight.
 An old chimney that hasn't well survived,
 Which was part of an industry that once thrived.

Clay was needed for this production,
 That provided materials for house construction.
 Write below the name for these,
 Rectangular red objects, if you please.

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To the end of the boardwalk you must go back,
 A right turn at last, will put you on the track.
 All the way down to the beach,
 The Quest Box is now almost within reach!

To find the final Quest Box true,
 From the beach left is your due.
 Now take the letters from above that you have collected,
 Put them in their place, you are a super detective!

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 — — — — — along the shoreline.
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Add to this mix, the deciphered Clue # 3
 Work hard, the answer will not be free.
 You must walk the beach a long, long way,
 But don't give up on this fine day!

Go almost half a mile along the beach,
 The Quest Box seems almost out of reach.
 Over the rocks, be careful of your feet,
 Breaking an ankle would not be neat.

Congratulations if you found the Quest Box!
Please sign our Quest notebook, and use the stamp
to mark your booklet! *(Return the Quest Box to its hiding place*
for the next Quester)

THE RETURN:

Now it is time to go back,
You might return on another track.
Be sure to follow all the instructions.
Or else getting home will be a production!

You should return from where you came,
Back up to the Great Sand Overlook the same.
“Travel away from the Overlook” says me,
“Till the next trail fork you see”.
Another right will take you on your way,
Through a stone wall, not far away.

Keep walking until a grove of trees appear,
On your left along the trail, far from here.
Islanders call these trees “beetlebung”;
Their hard wood is second to none.

Hammers(beetles) and Corks(bungs) were made of these,
And a corner in Chilmark is named to please.

Within the grove you may find,
A temporary pond that is its own kind.
Sometimes dry and sometimes wet,
Frogs and salamanders live here, you can bet.

It is called a vernal pool,
And it will dry out, as a rule.

Continue along and be sure to look around,
The views here are the best that can be found.
Go until you reach the green trail sign,
From there, bearing right would be divine.

Keep going past the Prospect Hill trail spur,
Getting lost should not occur!
One more trail split to go,
Hang a right, wouldn't you know!

From the last fork, the parking lot can almost be seen;
Keep walking straight and you'll know what I mean!

You are now part of the Questing nation.
More Quests are sure to come,
Be patient, The Trustees are not done!

Please return our pencil (if you borrowed one) and
have a terrific day!