



Welcome to our Quest,
The first in our state,
At the former home of Mr. Myrick.
His was a large estate.



45 mins.
1.25 miles

The Brandywine Valley is an illustrious place,
Full of duPonts and Wyeths.
When the Hessians were here in 1777,
They made sure that they passed by it.

Before you begin,
Please see the back.
Begin the Quest,
Only if you agree to stay on track.

Start by facing the stone spring house with the "Penn Oak" on your left,
They both have seen many years.
The Hessians took some pies and Mr. Myrick's ghost,
Has paid a visit here.

There were dairy farms on either side,
Of the locust trees behind you.
Turn around and take the trail between them,
Remember, bush-wacking is taboo!

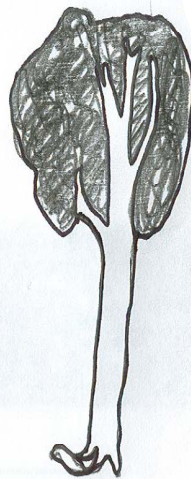
The top of the ridge is a scenic place,
You can stop and admire the view.
Don't follow the locusts or you'll get lost.
It's the trail at 11 o'clock for you.

Stop before you go too far,
Take your second left to find a hidden surprise.
This place is home to macroinvertebrates,
With underwater eyes.

As you walk around this place,
Make sure to preserve the quiet.
The frogs will jump and you will see,
They think that you're a riot!

Find the cows' drinking well and the wood ducks' box,
But don't yet climb the water-filtering erosion bump.
First note the birches with peeling bark,
Four are in a clump.

Return to the trail you were on and walk east toward the woods,
Then you'll have a steep climb to the north.
Go into the forest where your horse can't go,
For you the trail is marked forth.



As you walk, stand on the log,
That crosses the trail.
See the valley that the water created,
And the baby beech trees in the vale.

You may view the creek from the wooden platform,
Or find hidden clay in the fallen tree's roots.
Whichever you choose, be sure to return,
Make a right and a left to complete the loop.

Once you are back where you have been,
Make a straight beeline.
Head for the home of the vegetables,
Make sure to first pass through the tree line.

Our garden is a wonderful place,
We grow everything organic.
No pesticides are on our plants,
The place is very botanic!

Walk a clockwise loop around this garden,
Be sure to see the fruit trees.
On the bulletin board by the greenhouse,
Find your next clue if you please!

Head east toward the tower,
Can you guess its use?
Then walk north to the evergreens,
That house your final clue.

Go to the east side of the evergreens,
Turn left for your journey to leaven.
The grove in front of you,
Is Quest hunter's heaven.

To find your treasure take a look around,
Find something that you've seen before.
This thing that doesn't belong,
Is home to a bird who likes a shore.

The lucky tree that shields your treasure,
Happens to be a white pine.
Pick a needle cluster; the five needles spell W-H-I-T-E,
Take the knowledge for next time!

Thank you for doing our Quest,
And taking time to enjoy,
The wonderful Brandywine Valley.
Now you are its envoy.



Myrick Center Quest

Welcome to Questing!

Questing is an exciting form of outdoor exercise as well as a great way to explore a place and learn some of its many secrets. Questing has its roots in the British tradition of Letterboxing and has become a popular community building activity in New England. Quests send treasure hunters out after boxes hidden in natural or historically relevant areas. Questing requires you to gradually piece together clues to form your route to the treasure box. In addition to the clues on the inside of this booklet, there is a map on the front provided to help you find your way. You will need both the map and clues to complete this Quest. On your journey, you will discover much of the natural history, geography and wildlife of the wonderful outdoors where you are hiking.

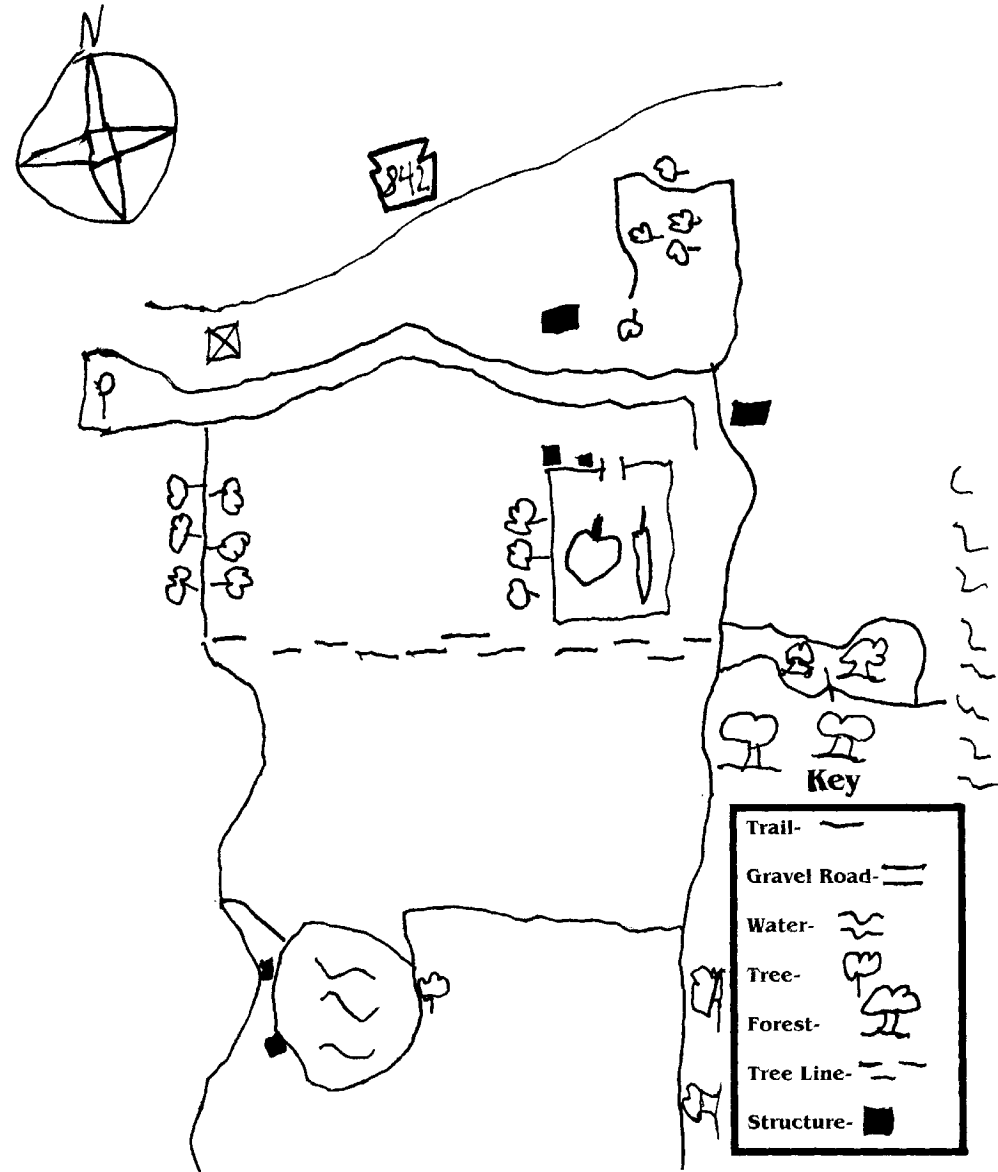
In the treasure box you will find a notebook in which you can sign your name and write or draw something about your experience if you are so inspired. In this way, *you* become part of the Myrick Center Quest. There will also be something for you to take home as a “souvenir” of completing this Quest.

In order to enjoy your Quest, please adhere to these Questing rules:

- Do not cross Route 842. The Quest begins from the parking area.
- Stay on the trails at all times unless the Quest tells you otherwise.
- Be careful and don't do anything that could cause risk to you, your fellow Questers, or the natural world.
- The time listed above the clues is only an estimate; depending on your speed, it could take you more or less time. Please plan accordingly. 🕒
- Look, listen and learn.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and carry water if necessary.
- When you reach the end of the Quest, please securely seal and return the treasure box to where it was so that others can find it.
- Remember, you are visiting a private property owned by the Brandywine Valley Association. Please follow all posted rules.
- Tell a friend about our Quest, but keep the secret of the box!

Happy Questing!

This Quest was written by Eric Goldfischer. Drawings by Amy Goldfischer. For information about our other exciting environmental education programs visit us online at www.brandywinewatershed.org. For further information about Questing visit www.vitalcommunities.org and click on Valley Quest.



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