

Clues Continued ...



Wheel the rest of the way around the circle.
Return to the trail and head right.
As you move along, keep looking to the sky.
Are birds large or small in flight?



Go left at the fork in the trail.
Make searching for **Wildlife** your new game.
Look carefully in the trees. Left is a **W-h-i-t-e** pine.
Every bundle of 5 long needles spells its name.



Back at the parking lot, hang a right.
Pass the **Welcome** shelter where we began.



Keep left, pass the bench, and go right
When the trail to the Herb Garden you scan.

Letter R



R will be the letter to finish your quest.
Ramble down the path and head **R**ight.
At the **R**ock wall, stop and look around.
Find herons known for their height.



How many maple leaves on the metal plates? _____

Are you **Ready** to continue?
Follow the path. Take a drink if you're hot.
Relax in the **R**ock & Herb Garden.
After the first bench, **R**ight leads to a special spot.



Pause at the pond before continuing along bricks.
Slow down by the wooden arch and act like a spy.
Don't be seen! On the back of the bench, a quest box hides.
Log names. Stamp clues. **R**e-hide it all before saying bye.

We hope you enjoyed the *Letters of Nature Quest*.
Linger a while before returning to your car.
Knowing right from left and the alphabet
Will help you on adventures near and far.



This quest was written by Volunteer Dennis Babb with support from Ranger Arrye Rosser and Volunteer Denny Reiser of Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Naturalist Elizabeth Kresse of Summit Metro Parks. Volunteer Hedy Jones drew the hands. Photos are from the Summit Metro Parks collection.

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How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

The questing season runs from April 15 through November 15.

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Stop at the visitor center or call 330-865-8065.

About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. **This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service** and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 100 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at cuva_questing@nps.gov.

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

For more information and to get copies of other quests, visit ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.

Summit Metro Parks



SUMMIT COUNTY SECTION
F.A. SEIBERLING NATURE REALM

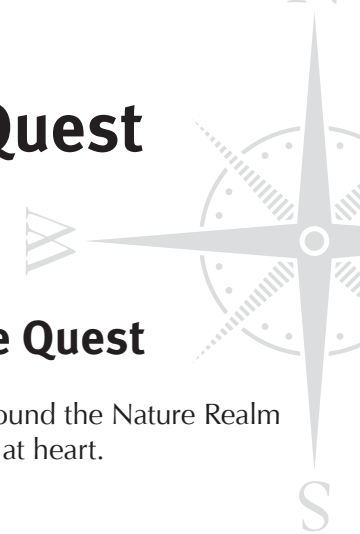


Rock & Herb Garden at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
SUMMIT METRO PARKS COLLECTION

Canalway Quest

Letters of Nature Quest

This easy alphabet stroll around the Nature Realm is for the young and young at heart.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 45 minutes. All walking surfaces are paved and relatively level. It can be enjoyed by questers using a wheelchair or stroller. The clues are written simply to appeal to beginning readers. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp.

This quest is entirely outdoors. Allow extra time if you want to enjoy nature exhibits inside the visitors center. For current hours, call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

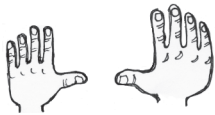
Getting There

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm is at 1828 Smith Road, Akron, Ohio 44313. This quest begins under the roofed welcome area at the end of the parking lot.

Clues

Welcome to the Nature Realm,
Full of nature's bounty.
It's one of the many Metro Parks
Here in Summit County.

Be sure you know left from right.
Don't take the wrong turn!
Hold out your hands like this.
Your **L**eft forms an **L**—a useful trick to learn.



Letter M

M is the letter to start your quest.
It comes before N, O, and P.
We'll begin at the large **Map**.
Exhibits under a roof is where it be.

The logo for the Summit **M**etro Parks
Has the leaf of the **Map**le tree.
Look around the welcome shelter.
Count all the leaf logos that you see.

How many did you find? _____



Now **M**ove to the start of the path.
A stone **Map**le leaf is surrounded by brick.
This is the way you will go.
Do you like to travel with a hiking stick?

Letter G

Step slowly down the paved path.
A picture of a **G**reen Tree Frog comes into view.
Go a little further and you'll find
An Eastern **G**arter Snake picture too.

With all the **G**rass and **G**reen around,
G is the next letter of your quest.
In the wetland (left), are animals hiding?
Nature will put your senses to the test.

Continue on the trail,
Keeping the visitors center in sight.
Cross the little bridge without steps and stop
At the sign posted to your right.

Letter D

Our next stop is the Seneca **D**eck.
Follow the arrow that points you that way.
Make a quick left and go past the restrooms
To a **D**eck that's nice for a little stay.

Move to the railing and look **D**own.
Are any **D**ucks in the pond below?
What about turtles, geese, or **D**eer?
Are any animals **D**rinking nice and slow?

How many maple leaves are above the fireplace? _____

Count the maple leaves above the outdoor fireplace.
Be extra careful if you see flames. **D**on't burn!
Double back and pass the bathrooms.
Go left when it is time to turn.

Letter B

Head down the path and cross a **B**ridge.
On your right is a large **B**rown sign.
Follow the trail marked Cherry Lane.
Stay on the pavement and you'll do fine.

Go slowly. Soon, on your right,
A small exhibit with a sign you will see.
B is now the letter you're after.
Here it is with an Ohio **B**uckeye tree!



A male white-tailed deer is called a **B**uck.
The exhibit tells how this tree got its name.
Do you think the nuts from this tree
And a **B**uck's eyes look the same?



Continue along the paved path,
Exercising your eyes, legs, and **B**rain.
Turn right at the intersection
And stay on the trail marked Cherry Lane.

Soon a sign points Cherry Lane to the left.
Follow that path to see what's ahead.
The next sign points Cherry Lane to the left.
Don't turn here! Go straight instead.

Letter C

Up a small hill, then down around a bend.
Now spotting the letter **C** is the thing to do.
Stop at the exhibit on your right.
Find the Black Cherry Trees next to you.



Black **C**herry wood is used to make **C**abinets.
Birds called **C**edar waxwings gobble fruit the tree makes.
Eastern Tent **C**aterpillars munch its leaves.
Does the tree bark look like burnt **C**ornflakes?

Continue along the paved path.
Go right on the next path that you see.
Look. Hairy vines are **C**limbing the tall pines.
Please don't touch—that's poison ivy!

Letter W

Stay on the trail. **W**alk past the bench.
Right is the direction you should be keeping.
Continue straight past the trail on the left.
Stop at the trees that are **W**eeping.

Their branches hang towards the ground.
They look sad and in need of rest.
You could hide underneath like a **W**oodchuck
Before the next stop on our quest.

Turn right on the concrete pavers.
Walk to the large **W**hite **W**ire cages.
They support twisting vines
Growing in various stages.



Play a game at one of the small tables. Did you win?