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 the logbook, make a unique stamp, and return the box to its hiding place.

The questing season runs from April 15 through November 15.

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Toivo Motter at 330.315.3261 or tmotter@stanhywet.org.

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 more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at cuva_questing@nps.gov

Special thanks to Emily Bryant and Steven Glazer.

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.

Clues Continued...

Walk with water on left. Stop across from yonder wood dock. Picture the diving board that once occupied nearby spot. In past summers, Seiberlings played, fished, canoed, and swam. The water level was 10 feet deep; up to the dock’s base it ran. Continue on path, keep left at Y, left turn to cross two bridges here. Continue on path and turn right up set of stone steps near. At the end of a long narrow path an informative plaque, you’ll arrive. Underfoot you’ll notice that you’re standing near Pleasure Drive

Head towards Tea Houses on high and walk across a bridge. A left and a right leads to CAUTION sign. Up 7 steps. Face left; the ridge! Secretly lift up corner rock at foot level. Remove quest box. Stamp your brochure, sign the logbook, and replace all, you clever fox.

Continue up stairs to where changing took place in two rooms. Even in summer, men and women wore wool bathing costumes.

“Roque” Rhymes with Croak

Continue up more stairs to the top where two Tea Houses are found. Cross over gravel onto grass. Pause where cement frames the ground. Here a fast-paced American game called roque was once played. The name dropped the C and T from the English game of croquet. Like a pool table, the sunken court was smooth and firm with four corners. Short mallets shot balls through arched wickets, banking off the borders.

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**Planning Ahead**

This treasure hunt takes about 60 minutes. Most surfaces are relatively level, but lawns and trails may be soft or muddy. There are uneven stone stairs in places. Walking shoes, a camera, and a sunhat are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp.

**Getting There**

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is at 714 North Portage Path, Akron, Ohio 44303. At Admissions, pick up a visitor's guide containing an Estate Map to assist you on this adventure. Your quest begins by the fountain in the courtyard outside the admissions exit.

**Clues**

In 1915, from city to country the Seiberling family* came, Moving into their new estate west of Akron. Stan Hywet is its name. A place where all were welcome was their generous intent. With friends, family, and business associates, many a day was spent.

The estate was filled with beautiful places to feed soul and mind. A healthy body was also key, so facilities for recreation were designed. Indoors they built a pool called "The Plunge," a sauna, and a gym. A horsey family was also welcome.

**Tennis, Anyone?**

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**Horseback Riding at Stan Hywet**

This quest is entirely outdoors. Note that the Estate has an admission price. Members are free. The grounds are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 888.836.5533 or visit stanhywet.org for information about extending your visit with a house tour. Bring extra money if you want to visit Molly’s Shop & Café.

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**Picnicking, Water Fun, and Pleasure Drives**

Cross two bridges. The first one, reflected, forms a full moon. Pause at the first hydrant, on right, used to refill lagoons drained. Find the second one. The clay tennis court needed water to be maintained. F.A. daughters, sons, and even Gertrude, volleyed for serve on this slab. Frankly, Franklin remembered how roses climbed the fence, giving many a jab. Tennis was mainly played indoors until rubber was used for sports. The game moved outside once balls could bounce on grass courts. By the 1920s, this pastime of the rich became a popular sport for all. Professionals competed in tournaments, many an audience to enthrall.

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