

Mass Audubon Quests

Felix Neck

Edgartown

Welcome to the Felix Neck Quest,
We're glad to have you as our guest.
There are many acres for you to explore
Around every corner is so much more.

For this quest that you choose
We must be sure to pay our dues.

It results from hard work done
by teachers Kim and Natalie Munn.

Students Allison Carr, Naomi Rayfield, and
Felicia Williams were the crew.

With help from Pilar Redmond, they made this quest for you.

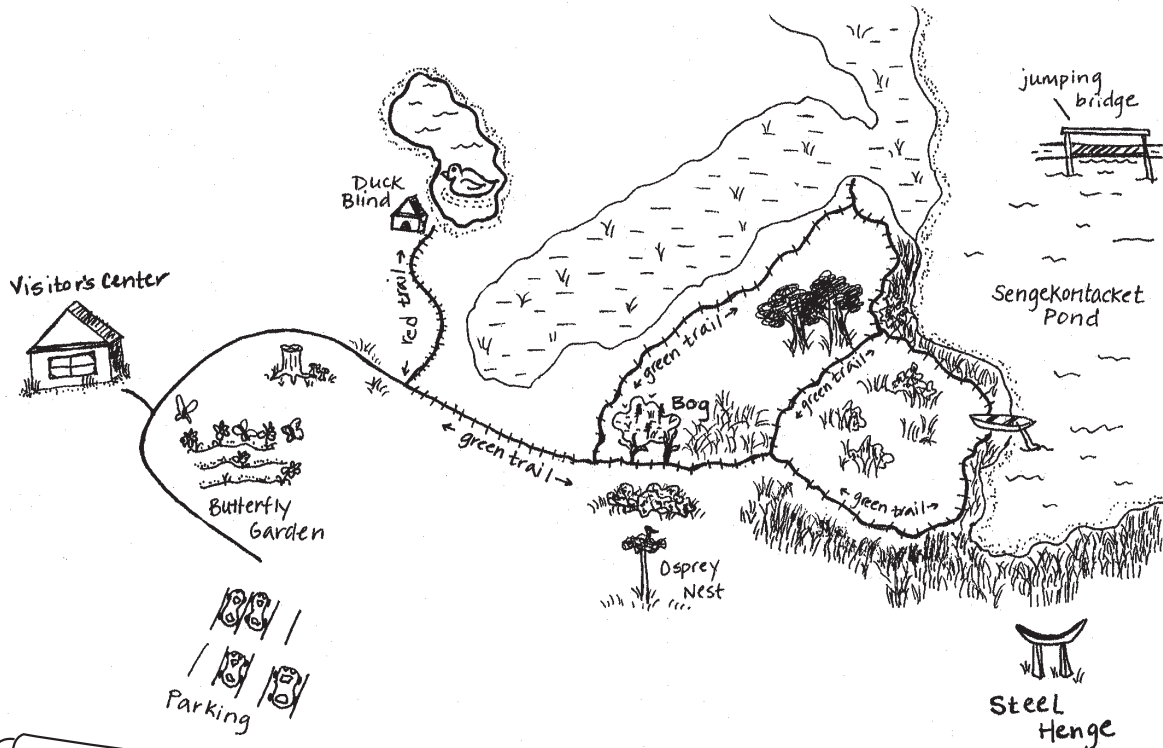
Martha's Vineyard has quests galore.

The Quest MV book can be found in our store.



Felix Neck Quest Stamp

Date _____

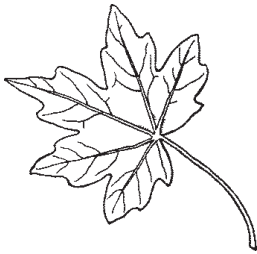


As you join us on the Vineyard from the ferry
Off you go to Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
A sign that your eyes will surely find
A triangle with a bird you should keep in mind

As you enter, see a garden kept by volunteers alone
The Edey Foundation has helped with this home
For butterflies and mallards and fish in the pond,
On your right is this haven, but keep walking beyond.

Rounding the garden to the right
Gather your thoughts at the stump that's in sight
Check in at the center and start the trail
with the green cap,
As you go along, don't forget to look at your map!

Over old shell piles, left by the Smiths,
Straight ahead on their farmland is a trail not to miss
They were the first English settlers to live on this land
How lucky we are that it was passed hand to hand.



The old pond and bog is your next stop
Created by the glacier which melted bottom to top.
Look through the bog although the bushes are tight,
On your left the kettle hole will soon be in sight.

On the right, after 40 steps, there will be,
An osprey nest for you to see.
Gus Ben David, maker of these stands,
Kept his eyes on the osprey, and the sanctuary lands

DDT was once a threatening pest
Now the osprey are safe in their nests
But a lack of fish for them to spy
May reduce the ospreys we see fly.

Continue walking around the crook
Take a leftward glance at the farming nook.
Sand plain grassland is now what's here,
Once before, sheep grazed far and near.
A Native American didn't let this land go to shame
In the 1660's, Felix (meaning "happy") was his name.

Over the marsh in the field to your right
Across the way, a Steel Henge is in sight
During the summer solstice, the sun will sit,
On this memorial dedicated to Mr. George Moffett.
The land he graciously donated to create this place
Will be forever protected and always kept safe.

Next you can look across Sengekontacket,
If you cross, be sure to wear your life jacket!
You can see a bridge over the water,
Kids jump off when it gets hotter.

Follow the path a little further ahead,
On the boat landing you may tread.

Nearing the water you shall see,
A rather large and slug-like tree.
All year round the boats go out,
They never sink, so have no doubt.

Coming back from the landing, right you
must proceed,
A fork will come up soon indeed.
Again, bearing right is a good choice,
Caution because the narrow path can be moist.
The salt marsh is now ahead of you,
Take time to admire the view.

Twice a day the tide sweeps in,
Helping birds get food for their kin.
The salt marsh helps with the life cycles of all,
Through winter, spring, summer, and fall.

Keep on this path with the trees in the middle,
You're nearing the end of this adventurous riddle.
Head right on the path along which you came.
Go right at the red cap trail to finish the game.

On to the red path, you will turn,
The Quest box site you are soon to learn.
Walk straight on the path until you find,
The very special Duck Blind.

Enter the shelter and turn 180 degrees,
Look around a bit, and you'll be pleased.
The Quest Box with the stamp is very near,
We hope that you enjoyed your visit here!

If you liked this one, come back and try our kayak quest!

Enjoy Sengekontacket pond at your own pace on this self-guided tour. The Quest clues will help you uncover the story of the pond's people, places, and wildlife. Your Quest ends after you find the hidden Quest box.

Kayaks, paddles, lifejackets, and Quest materials are all included.



Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary

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Nature Center Hours:

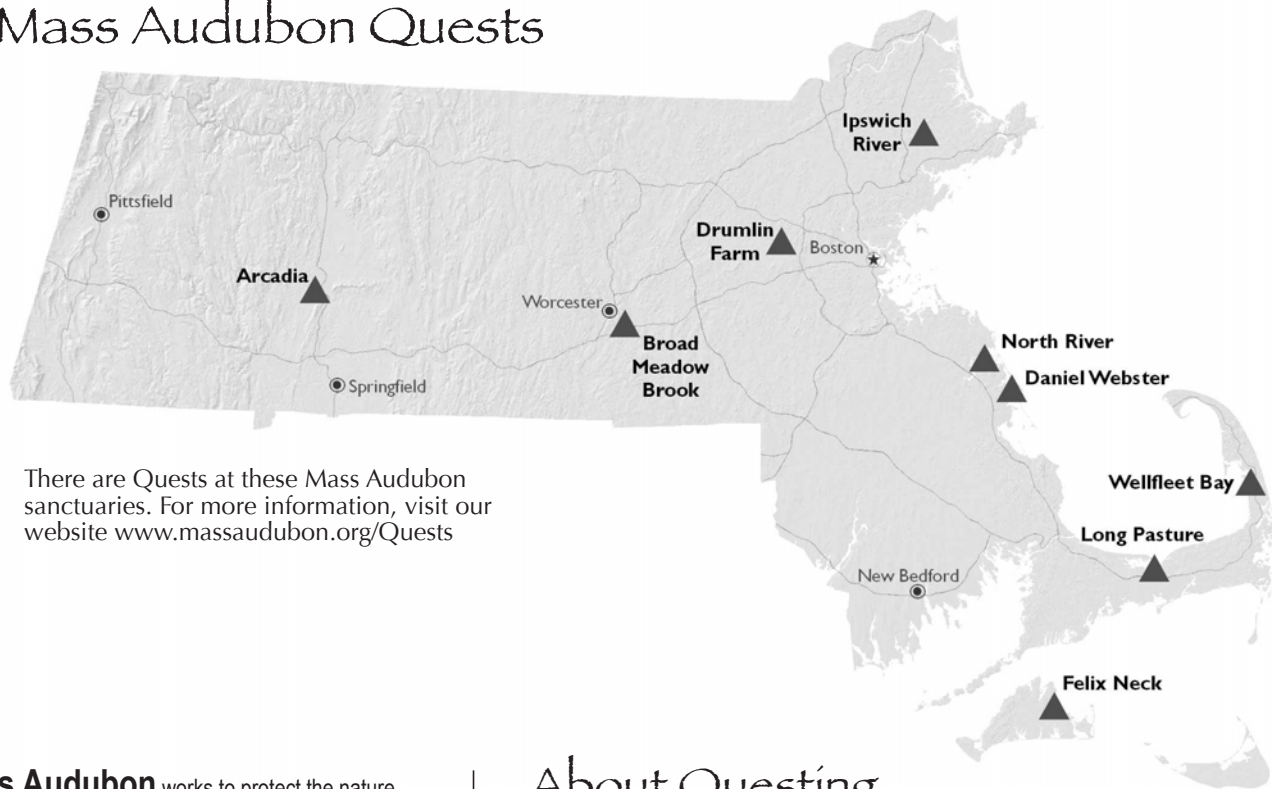
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm
Saturday, 10am - 3pm, Sunday, 12:30pm - 3pm

Trail Hours:

Open every day, dawn to dusk



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There are Quests at these Mass Audubon sanctuaries. For more information, visit our website www.massaudubon.org/Quests

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About Questing

Questing was born out of a 150-year old tradition in the region surrounding Dartmoor National Park in southwest England. "Letterboxing," as this tradition is called, is a popular past time, with thousands of boxes hidden in both natural and cultural locations. Vital Communities, a regional non-profit organization based in Vermont, built on this tradition in the United States by developing the Valley Quest program. In the early 1990s, Vital Communities was concerned about the future of the Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont, and was hoping to develop a program that would foster sense of place, strengthen relationships between schools and communities, and build bridges across the generations. The result was Valley Quest, with "Valley" referring to the place and "Quest" referring to a treasure hunt—made by children and adults working together—leading to the community's special places. Over time, the Valley Quest program has grown. More than 2,000 children, adults, families, scouts, students and historical society members have contributed to the creation of the 200+ Quests found in the Valley Quest books; and communities across the country are beginning to replicate Valley Quest's success.

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