

## Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary

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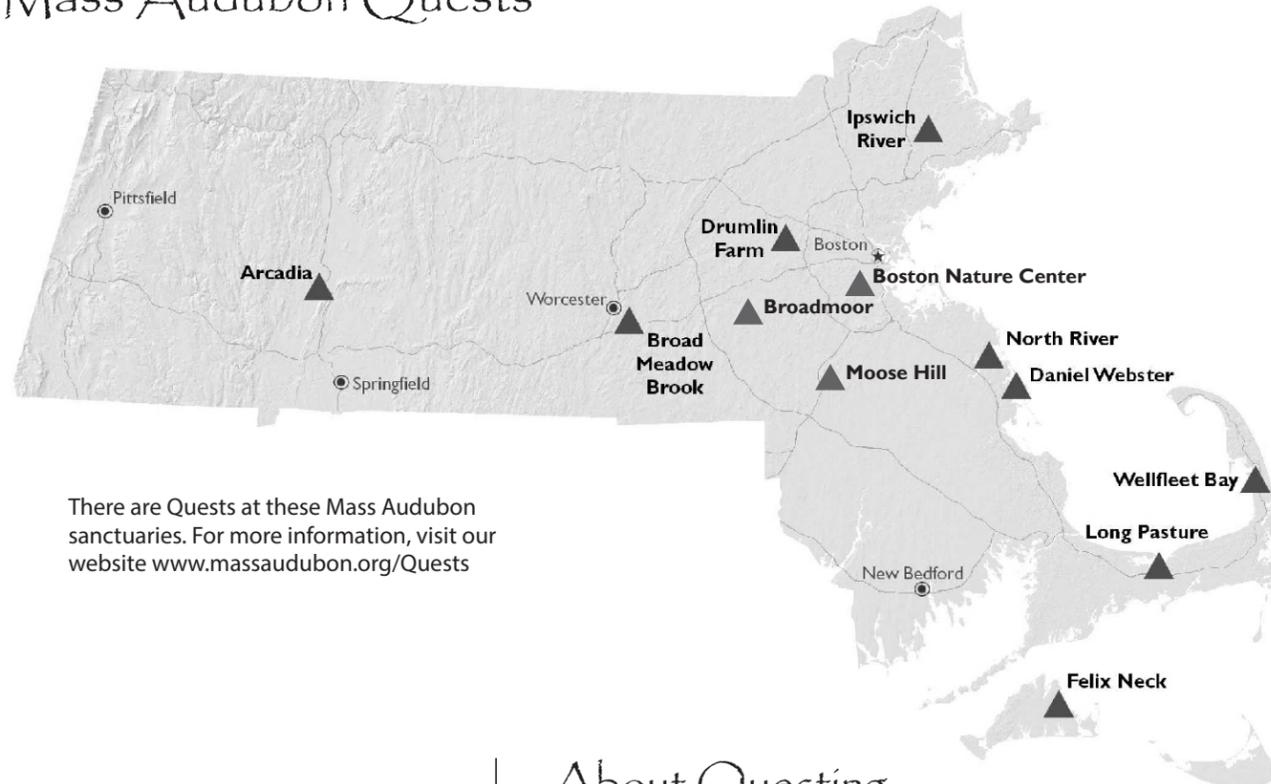
Nature Center Hours:  
Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday to Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Trail Hours:  
Fall/Winter 8 am - 5 pm  
Spring/Summer 7 am - 7 pm

## Welcome to Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary

Twenty miles of trails invite you into fields, forests, and wetlands where you can explore and connect with the natural world. Special routes and destinations abound at Moose Hill, each filled with wildlife observation opportunities and scenic views. The diversity of terrain and variety of habitats offer rich experiences in all seasons. Return often, at different times of the day and throughout the year, so that you can see signs of change and experience the seasonal cycles in New England.

## Mass Audubon Quests



There are Quests at these Mass Audubon sanctuaries. For more information, visit our website [www.massaudubon.org/Quests](http://www.massaudubon.org/Quests)

## 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.

Quest is a trade name of the Valley Quest program, and is used with permission. For more information, visit [www.valleyquest.org](http://www.valleyquest.org)



# Mass Audubon Quests

## Moose Hill Kettle/Pine Trail Quests

Sharon

Welcome to the Moose Hill Kettle/Pine Trail Quests.  
We're pleased to have you as our guest.



Date \_\_\_\_\_



This Quest is best done in spring, summer, or fall.  
This Quest was created by Julia Signorella.

# Kettle and Pine Trail Quests



Verses marked by  indicate stops with a numbered sign. The sign has an orange hole-punch attached. When you reach the sign, punch the back-page of this packet. Be careful the hole-punch is sharp! When you collect all the punches, head back to the front desk for the final stamp and complete the Quest.

The Kettle Quest is about 2 miles and will take approximately 90 minutes. The Pine Forest Quest is less than a mile and will take approximately 30 minutes.

Begin your quest south of the Nature Center at the trail head across  
Moose Hill Parkway.

 Through the old parking lot  
Into the trees- some have knots  
Walk south until you come across the post  
The trail sign for Ovenbird Trail will help you  
the most

**You've reached Sign 1 straight ahead  
attached to an oak tree.**

*Here you have a choice: you can stay right to  
complete the longer Kettle Quest or take a left  
onto Ovenbird Trail to complete the short Pine  
Forest Quest*

*If you chose the Pine Forest Quest, continue on the  
Ovenbird Trail and skip to the directions for Sign 4*

*If you chose the Kettle Quest, continue through the  
Unnatural Trail*

Objects shiny and man-made  
Hidden along the trail and in the shade  
Once at the end of this Unnatural Trail  
Continue East onto the Kettle Trail.

 A rock wall on your right  
You'll notice daylight  
Walking alongside a meadow  
Search for animals in camo.

**Look for Sign 2 to the right of the trail  
attached to an evergreen tree across from a  
big boulder.**

Past bushes of huckleberry  
Downhill over a fallen tree  
Between beech trees  
They don't like to lose their leaves.

Evidence of glaciers in the past  
Carved this landscape that is vast  
Deep depressions called kettle holes  
Look like they're between woody knolls

Up and down a glacial moraine  
Hopefully there is no rain  
Nature waves its magic wand  
Glacier leaves a kettle pond.

**Straight ahead you see a boardwalk and to your  
left a sign post for Ovenbird Trail. Turn left onto  
Ovenbird Trail.**

 Walk along a babbling stream  
Get lost in a day dream  
The path veers away from the stream line  
Headed into trees of pine.

**To find Sign 3, look to the right of the trail on  
an oak tree. Continue on the Ovenbird Trail  
past the Pine Trail turn.**

Uphill and through a rock wall  
Listen for birds call  
Erosion exposed the tree roots  
Make sure you pick up your boots.

**If you chose Pine Forest Quest start the  
directions again here**

 Looking all around  
These trees stay green year round  
A lot of needles and pine cones  
Take a picture with your phone.

**To find Sign 4, turn onto Pine Trail and  
look to your left on a pine tree.**

Over fallen tree and downhill  
Walk until you come to a "T" in the trail  
Turn left onto Pine trail and head west  
You're almost done with this quest.

 Pine cones eaten by chipmunks  
Some of them with a lot of spunk  
Cars driving on the road to your right  
When you reach the "T" in the trail turn right.

**Look for Sign 5 to the left of the trail on a  
pine tree**

The trees change as you enter the pine forest  
Here games and building fairy houses are the best  
Walk through the wood and you are back  
to the beginning  
Now you're done and should be grinning.

**Congratulations you've completed the  
quest! Stop inside the nature Center at the  
front desk for your stamp.**



PUNCH 1	PUNCH 2	PUNCH 3	PUNCH 4	PUNCH 5
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