

Clues Continued...

You're now at our quest's end, with knowledge of history. Where the questing box lies, though, is still a mystery. At the southernmost corner of Lock 30's western wall, Take the second steep path down—be careful not to fall!

At the base of the path, left, find a collapsed shelf of stone. With gaps hidden by loose rock and plants overgrown. On the short end by your feet, behind rock, reach inside. To find where the Lock-to-Lock treasure hides!

Stamp your quest and sign the logbook in the box. Then replace the treasure as sly and quick as a fox. Now you have a decision to make; look at your clock. Will you continue on about a mile to Lonesome Lock?

Or go straight back to the parking lot—you decide. At the depot, learn how you can take a scenic train ride. But if you hear your belly growling, Grab a bite in Peninsula to calm the howling.



Lock 29 and gristmill, 1890s. NPS 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? Contact cuva_questing@nps.gov.

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 ohioandieriecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.

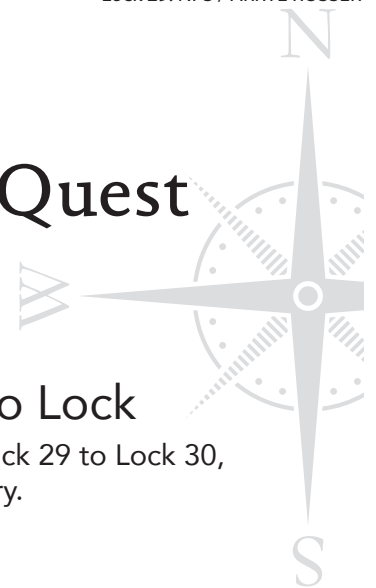


Lock 29. NPS / ARRYE ROSSER

Canalway Quest

Questing Lock to Lock

Take an easy stroll from Lock 29 to Lock 30, learning about canal history.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 35 minutes. Most surfaces are hard and flat, but there are two inclines. Wheelchair users will need assistance to reach the hidden box. Insect repellent is recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp. This area is often congested on weekends. Stay to the right as you hike and be alert for cyclists.

Getting There

Start at the Lock 29 Trailhead, 1648 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. Overflow parking is available just north of this lot.

Clues

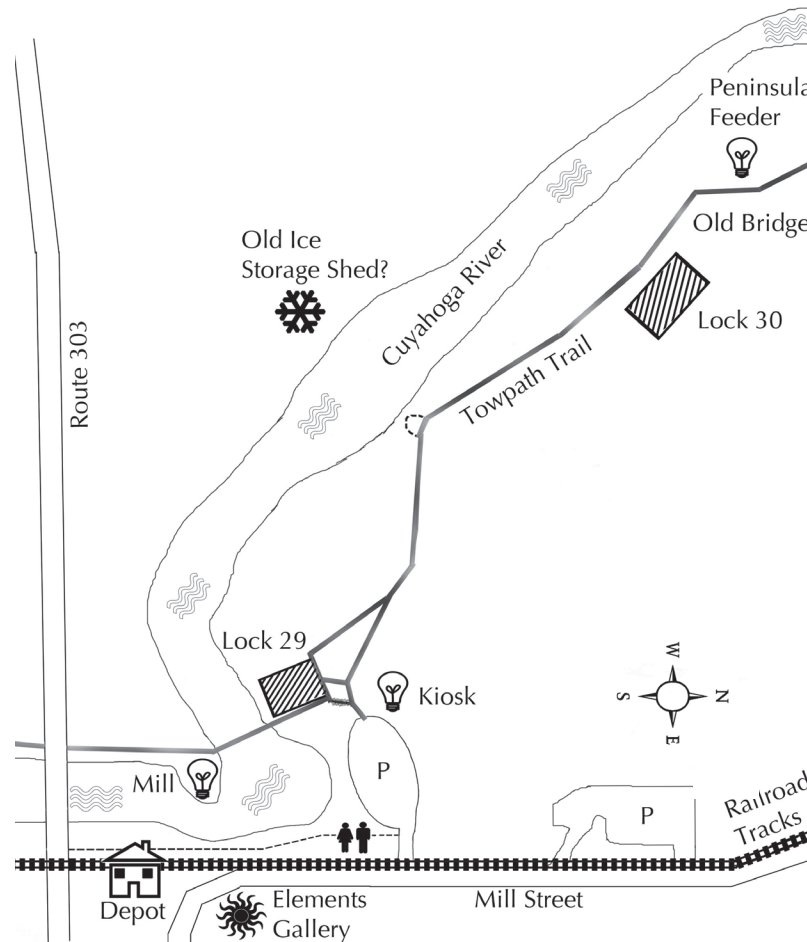
Begin at the kiosk in the trailhead parking lot.
On the back side, read the canal story plot.
A ditch once linked wilderness to the world.
The Ohio & Erie's history is about to be unfurled!

Find the welcome panel with the map, photos, and facts.
What caught on fire, sparking the Clean Water Act?
After the kiosk, head toward the SHARED TRAIL,
Beginning your quest through this beautiful vale.

As you walk on the towpath, please be polite.
Listen for those passing and stay to the right.
Go up the wooden stairs and observe the 29th lock.
Nearby quarries supplied the big sandstone block.

Crossing the bridge over the Cuyahoga is quite a thrill.
Once across, read about the Moody and Thomas Mill.
Here the gristmill stood until a fire in December 1931.
Now it's a ruin with a beautiful view for everyone.

Trek back down the steps—you're doing just fine.
Go under the bridge and enter Lock 29.
Find Roman numerals, such as V (5), VI (6), III (3), and II (2),
Carved on finished stones to be shipped by a mason crew.



Read the exhibit to learn what these symbols mean.
How many different Roman numerals can be seen?
During canal times, this lock was full of water,
Raising and lowering boats like an elevator.

Exit left toward the towpath ahead.
North toward "BOSTON 2 1/2 M" you should tread.
On your left and right, see many sycamore trees.
Peeling white bark and "near to river" are keys.



Stop on the cement bridge, where water flows under towpath.
If you're lucky, a frog or snake may be taking a bath.
Ahead view the river through a wide break in the tree line.
A towpath culvert pipe opening onto big rocks is the sign.

100 miles long, first south and then north to Lake Erie it goes.
Due to geological history, the Cuyahoga in a U-shape flows.
Peer through the trees (too leafy?) across the riverbed.
Hiding on the other side, was this the old ice storage shed?

Roofed with cedar and built of spruce, hemlock, or pine,
Insulated with sawdust or charcoal to keep temperatures fine.
Used between 1801 and 1900 to keep ice in store,
Before there were trays in your freezer door.

Back on the trail heading north, Lock 30 is your goal.
Notice where the canal bed disappears along your stroll.
Keep following the towpath for a short duration,
Enjoying nature's congregation.

Lock 30 will be off to your right.
Be careful! The edge is at quite a height.
Lock 30 is 90 feet long and 15 feet wide.
Stand atop and imagine a canal boat inside.



Boat traffic in Peninsula was often busy.
Poor maintenance and rule breakers sometimes caused a tizzy.
If boats carried too much, they could get "wedged" in muck
And have to be unloaded to get unstuck.

Continue past Lock 30, for there's more to know.
Across the towpath to the sign you should go.
This exhibit will educate any reader
About the bridge and Peninsula feeder.

Find the bridge where drivers and mules once walked,
Pulling boats on the canal as the locals gawked.
Three mules per team along the path often plugged.
Eighty tons for eight hours those animals tugged.

Beyond the sign, at the stone walls, be sure to peek—
For a tree that grows between cement walls is unique.
A feeder channel was once where the tree now grows.
It supplied water from the Cuyahoga to aid the canal's flow.