

Clues Continued...

Inn at Brandywine Falls

Continue. Turn right onto paving. At inn so white, slow down. Imagine how this area was once a bustling town. House and barn were owned by James Wallace in the past. It's now lodging for visitors, a bed and breakfast. The Wallace family profited from the mighty falls so near, Encouraging others to come to Brandywine and prosper here.

Continue forward, around the lawn's edge you go. Next, pause on the old bridge to see the falls flow. Follow the trail to the asphalt walkway at right. Venture around the path, and hold the metal railing tight.

Industry at the Falls

George Wallace, Sr. was eager to harness hydropower For a wool factory, a distillery, and a mill to grind flour. Look left—remains of an electric company are seen. An exhibit tells how it replaced the gristmill, built in 1814.

When businesses boomed, the community thrived— Until Cleveland and Akron industries arrived. Soon after, Brandywine Village began waning. By the late 1870s, there were few people remaining.

Along the Boardwalks

From upper to lower boardwalk, walk right with steady feet. The “dessert” to this quest is truly very sweet! This breathtaking view looks different each visit for a reason. The waterfall changes moods with the weather and season. In summer, after heavy thunderstorms, the waters rage. In winter, frozen water is a peaceful stage.

Return to the upper boardwalk. A right leads to your car. You are almost done—this last little walk isn't far. We hope you enjoyed the Relationships With Water Quest. Come back again soon and please bring a guest!

This quest was written by Nathan Klein, a teacher with the Marlinton Local Schools, and Brandi Killinger, a teacher with the Cloverleaf Local Schools, with support from Emily Bryant, questing project assistant. Volunteer Hedy Jones drew the four illustrations.

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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

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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.

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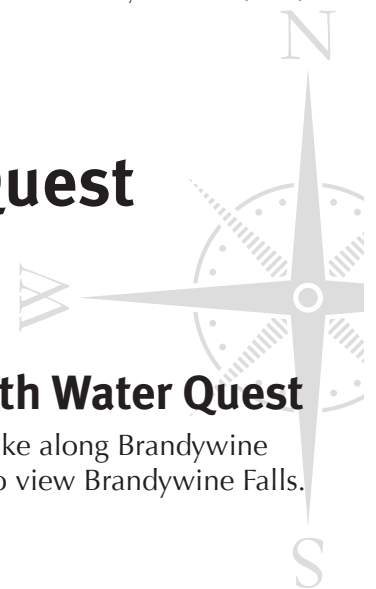


Brandywine Falls. © JERRY JELINEK

Canalway Quest

Relationships With Water Quest

Enjoy a scenic, moderate hike along Brandywine Creek, with a steep climb to view Brandywine Falls.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 65 minutes. There are steep, rocky surfaces that can be slippery and muddy. Insect repellent, hiking shoes, and a walking stick are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp.

Getting There

Start in the parking lot at Brandywine Falls, 8176 Brandywine Road (south of Highland Road and north of Twinsburg Road), Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067.

Clues

To Begin

Welcome to Brandywine Falls! To start your quest today, Read how water's power shaped history on CVNP's kiosk display. Follow the walkway down and turn left, heading west. On this gravel path, your "view" of the falls is far from best.

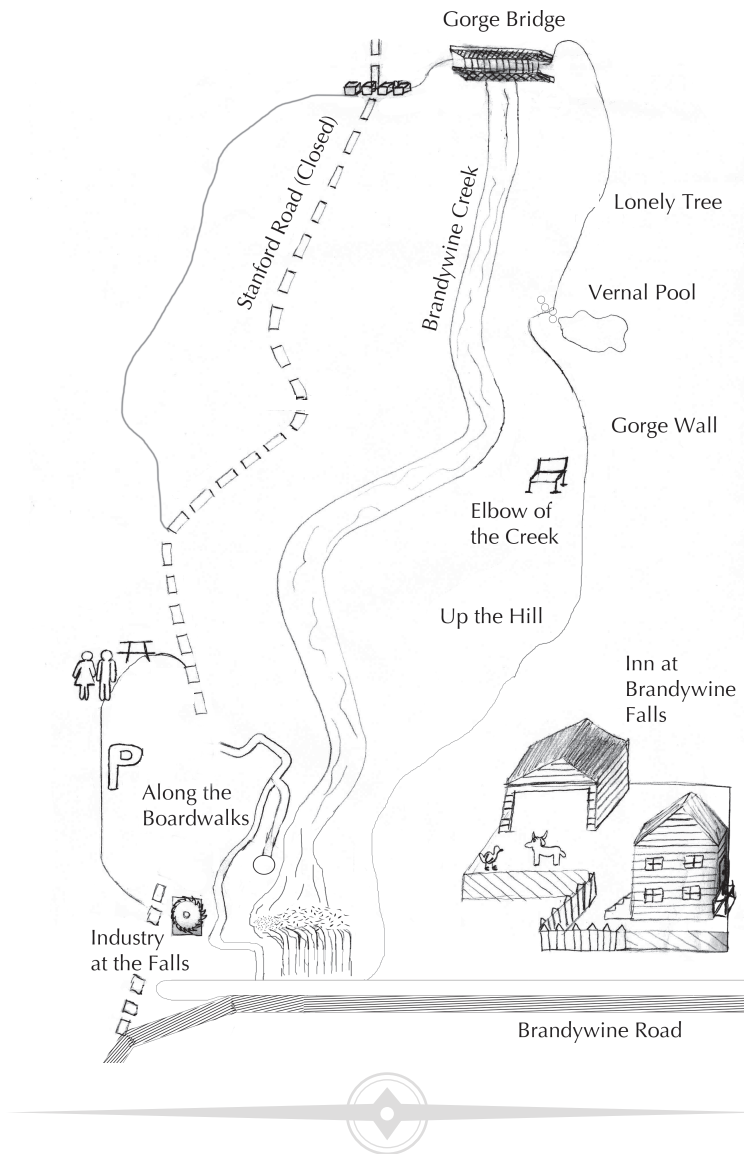
Follow the Stanford Trail sign. The asphalt way is incorrect. A slow and steady hike from here is what to expect. Down stairs and keep right at the post. To FALLS progress. Continue across old Stanford Road for success.

Gorge Bridge

Trek to the long footbridge built of fiberglass. It replaces stepping stones that high waters did surpass. An earlier one built by volunteers was lost to a flood. This one is a well anchored span over the water and mud.

Pause midway on the bridge and look into the creek. Below in the water, crayfish and young insects sneak. This habitat is precious for these animals, indeed. Water flowing over rocks supports the lives they lead.

With smaller creatures for food, predators flourish, Ensuring that larger animals up the food chain are nourished.



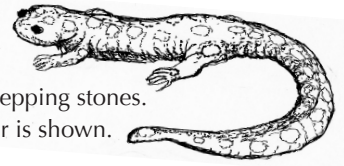
Lonely Tree

Cross the bridge and continue to the right. Soon the last of its generation will be in sight. As you swing left, spot (on left) a massive dead tree. Turn to your right. Brandywine Creek you'll see.

Pause. The flow of the creek depends on snow and rain, Mixing oxygen into the water, aquatic life to sustain.

Vernal Pool

Follow the dirt trail until you find a few stepping stones. Look left—another relationship with water is shown.



Each spring, in this pool, frogs and salamanders reproduce. For these small, water-loving animals, it is of great use. This vernal pool may not exist here all year round. Vernal means spring, the best time for water to be found.

Gorge Wall

140 more steps from the stepping stones, please hike To come upon a sight that geologists might like. Stop here and look left at the cliff way up high. Rocks layered with history reach to the sky.

Through the trees, glimpse shale of the Bedford Formation, Made in shallow seas with periods of oxygen deprivation.

Elbow of the Creek

Continue 25 steps to a small path branching right. Follow it to the bench, have a seat—what a beautiful sight!

An example of erosion making a transformation, Notice how the flowing creek bends at this location. Erosion is when a surface over time is worn away. Moving water causes its structure to slowly decay. Over the years, the force of water carved out the bank. Soil and rocks floated away and later sank.

Up the Hill

Head back to the main trail and then right you must go. At the wood steps, look left at the vernal pool below. Next, seek streambeds where rain flows down the hillside. Further along to your right, moisture-loving hemlocks reside.

This is the hard part! Huff and puff as you climb uphill. Eventually, a fence you'll see; we promise you will! Rest on the bench near the top, if you need a break. Listen for the sounds of water. Do your muscles ache?

Fence by the Paved Trail

Linger at the fence, making sure you're alone. Your treasure is along the right section, under a stone. Be secretive as you sign the logbook in the box. When you're done, replace it as it was, beneath the rock.

