

Clues Continued...

To reach the last stop, return the same way.
Head back to the street again without delay.
Stop at the CAUTION sign. Stay on this side.
Turn left. Along a row of giant rocks, please stride.

Safely cross to the Volunteer Center (Savacoal House).
Creep left around the porch, secret as a mouse.
Below, a brick blocks a gap along the ground.
Behind it, a hidden quest box can be found.

Before you pull the box out, make sure no one else sees.
Stamp your book, sign the log, and repack with ease.
Check that the baggies inside are sealed up tight.
Return the quest box to its hiding spot out of sight.

Backtrack to the CAUTION sign and pause there.
Check for traffic before crossing with care.



What I TASTED or Wished I Did

If Boston Store is open, you can buy a special treat.
Your favorite ice cream flavor makes the rectangle complete.
When you are done, return to your car.
The visitor center parking lot is not very far.
Your answers in the boxes prove you've passed the test.
Good job finishing the *Sense of Boston Quest*.



This quest was created by Ranger Penny Clute-Uhlenbrock of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Support provided by Ranger Arrye Rosser and many volunteer pilot testers. CVNP Volunteer Hedy Jones drew the illustrations. CVNP Volunteer Amanda Mason did the graphic design.

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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 many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact 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.

For more information and to get copies of other quests, visit ohioandieriecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.



SUMMIT COUNTY SECTION
CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
BOSTON STORE



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Canalway Quest

Sense of Boston Quest

Take a quick, easy walk through the village, using your five senses.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 35 minutes. Walking surfaces are firm and flat, but include a few grassy areas and optional steps. When the ground is dry, the route is accessible by wheelchair and stroller. Wheelchair users will need assistance reaching the hidden box. Be alert for bicycle and car traffic. Bring money if you want to buy a snack. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp.

Getting There

Start at the information kiosk behind Boston Store, 1550 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. It is between the limited access parking lot and the restrooms.

Clues

Five times on this quest you will take a seat
And use your senses to explore what's neat.
At the kiosk's WELCOME, begin your hike.
Stroll right of the barn and avoid any bikes.



The Towpath Trail gets busy with people galore—
Cyclists, hikers, dog walkers, and more.
Turn right onto the path when the coast is clear.
Imagine mules pulling boats along the canal here.
See that ditch on the left? It was once a waterway,
Bringing factory goods to Ohio from faraway.



Ahead the Cuyahoga River comes into better view—
Winding this way and that, making turns quite a few.
Just before the footbridge, turn to the right.
Sit on the block of stone and take in the sight.

While sitting here there is something to do.
Close your eyes and sniff, but don't turn blue.
Draw or write what you smell in the first box.
Make a record of what your senses unlock.



What I SMELLED

The bridges, big and small, are for another day.
Turn left and let the river's flow lead the way.
Toward the village, retrace your tracks.
Pass cars, a shed, a bench, and bike racks.

Walk to the largest building in white.
Boston Store is in your sight.
Down the side porch is where you must go.
Turn left to the front and then take it slow.



Your next seat is in a porch rocker outside.
Take in the village of Boston as you glide.
Using your eyes, draw what you see.
Make note of it in the next rectangle, please.

What I SAW

Down the steps you must tread.
At the next building, M.D. overhead.
Do you see the PURE sign from long ago?
This place pumped gas for people traveling to and fro.



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Take a seat next to one of the old-time pumps.
Carefully use your sense of touch on the bumps.
Let your hands explore down and all around.
What else can you feel on the air or the ground?
Something smooth? Something hard? Warm sun's glow?
List each thing you sense in the box below.

What I TOUCHED

Return to the towpath. Safely cross the street.
Smile at the hikers and bikers you may meet.
Walk beside the fence screening houses from view.
At the Lock 32 sign farther on, rest a few.

Stairs just ahead are where you must go.*
Take a seat at the top, looking around and below.
Use your ears to tune in to what nature has to say.
Write in the fourth box what you hear today.

*Questers using wheelchairs or strollers can enjoy the view from below.



What I HEARD

Canal boats once passed between these walls of stone.
Now this old "boat elevator" is a wetland zone.
Lowland forest and marsh plants grow in wet ground.
Turtles, frogs, bats, and birds of all kinds abound.

