



## *Seeking The Swamp*

Located at South Shore Natural Science Center,  
Norwell

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FYI: Dogs are not allowed on the grounds of the SSNSC. Please leave your pets at home when doing the quest.

The quest should take 15-30 minutes. You will be following wooded paths, so watch out for roots, rocks, and slippery bridges!

1. Start on the front steps of the Science Center. A single letter is part of the name on the building. What number letter of the alphabet is it? Subtract 14 from that number. Put the letter of the alphabet that corresponds with that number in space #11.
2. With your back to the front door of the building, go down the ramp to the left, and head for the wooden signboard. Turn left onto the path just after the signboard.
3. A wooden object marks the front edge of the wildflower garden. The second letter of that object goes into spaces #2 and #4.
4. Continue to the end of the garden and turn right. Notice the round marker on the tree. Put the first letter of that color in space #17.
5. Continue past the marker. When you see a sign for a trail, follow the sign. Put the last letter of the first word in the name of the trail in spaces #23 and #24.
6. As you go along the trail, you will notice a wooden frame on the right. What is hanging in the frame? Put the fifth letter of that thing in spaces #5 and #20.
7. Continue along the trail. What is the other color marker that you see on the trees? Put the first and second letter of that word in spaces #7 and #8.
8. Keep on the main trail, until you get to the bridge. What is the bridge made of? Put the second letter of that word in space #9. As you cross the bridge, listen for the sound of spring peepers, birds, or even distant traffic. (Remember, despite the bucolic surroundings, Route 3 is not that far away!)
9. After the bridge, follow the trail around to the left. Notice the sign; put the second to last letter of the trail name in spaces #15 and #25.
10. A trail will join from the right; keep going straight. What is on the tree with the red marker? Put the third letter of the second word in space #12.
11. Keep along the trail; notice that you are circling the swamp. On the right, you will notice sawn pieces of tree trunk from a tree that fell during the winter storms. Near the end of the tree trunk boundary, look at the sign. The last letter of the type of ivy mentioned on the sign goes in space #13.
12. After reading the sign, take the path to the left. Turn right when you get back to the wooden frame you noticed earlier. There is a bench on the right. What sort of project was the bench made for? Put the second letter into spaces #18 and #22. Put the fourth letter into space #26.
13. Look for the next tree with a blue marker. There is a tall post nearby. Put the fourth letter of the color of the post in space #6.
14. Turn left through the next opening in the stonewall. You have entered a region with a couple of designated activity areas. What is the second area (look for the sign)? Put the first letter in space #3 and the fifth letter in space #10.

15. The first building on the left was a gift from a Rotary organization. Put the third letter of the specific name in space #19.

16. In the garden, there is a carving of an animal near the small blue house. Put the first letter of that animal in space #16; put the fourth letter in space #21.

17. The Children's Garden is named for a specific person. The first letter of his last name goes in space #1.

18. Turn back and visit the chickens. What kind of animals are they? The fourth letter of that word goes in space #14.

19. Check around the chicken house for the box. Be sure to return it carefully to its hiding place!

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