

8. Walk down the hill to the big White Barn from 1907 and the Reynolds's old farm. Past the corral to the back and the left, you'll find a wide trail to continue the quest.

9. Next to a post marked four less than eleven, climb the hill for a view that's like heaven. Have a seat and look out at Mount Hood, imagine the Wappo campsites, if you could. They would come here in summer to hunt, gather, have fun; while escaping the bugs and the hot valley sun.



**Cool fact:** Wappo people got their name from the Spanish word Guapo - meaning brave. They fiercely resisted the Spanish in Northern California. The Wappo had a village in Sugarloaf called Wilikos where they mostly summered. Their nearest year round village was in Napa Valley, near where St. Helena is now.

10. At the big open area you'll see a **stage**, Come see a new show, no matter your age. If your mom wants a place where you will meet her tell her to wait at our amphitheater.

11. Stay on Creekside Trail 'till a nice picnic place, as humans we try to "leave no trace". Any litter or food we must take away, to keep nature natural every day.

12. Now you have reached the end of our quest, one more treasure to find, and you've done your best!

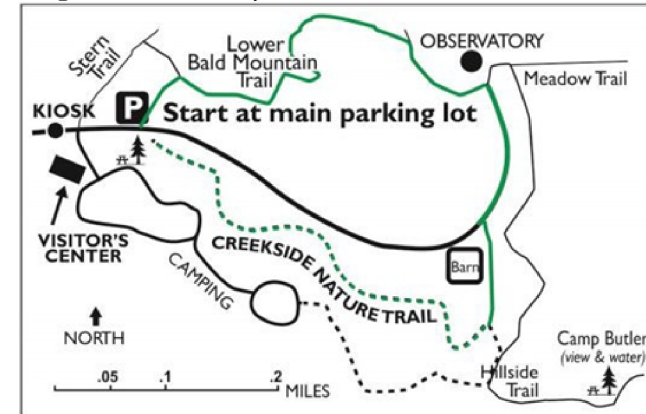
Across from the railing high over the creek, you'll find the right spot if you carefully peek. The letters in **bold** you'll need for this box, spell the right word so it unlocks! From the box you may one coupon take and to the Visitor Center your way make.

**RETURN THIS BROCHURE** along with your coupon to the Visitor Center for a treat!



# QUEST HIKE

1.4-mile loop hike to discover the treasures our park offers! Follow Lower Bald Mt. Trail from the main parking lot to the Observatory, then down the Creekside Nature Trail. Check the treasure map to help lead the way....



Our quest begins on Lower Bald Mt. Trail, Pay attention, you're sure not to fail. By searching for clues both high and low, your knowledge of nature is bound to grow!

As we trek along our merry ways, find lizards and snakes catching some rays. They'll lie on a rock or out in the path, to take a quick reptilian sunbath.

**Cool fact:** King snakes are immune to rattlesnake venom, and they will often eat them.



1. On your right in the first big trees, you'll see lace lichen, it's holey like cheese, It's made of algae and fungus you see, and catches nutrients for the tree. These minerals are washed by rain and dew, to the tree's roots for it to "chew".



**Cool fact:** Lace lichen (pronounced "lie-ken") is sometimes confused with Spanish moss, which does not grow here, but in the Southern states. Many species of lichen can be seen growing on a single branch.

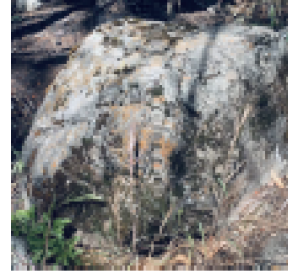
2. As we hike up and look to the right, you can take in a marvelous sight. What is that high rocky ridge across the way?



Sugarloaf Ridge!  
The name of the park in which we play.

A pointy round loaf in days of old, is the way in which sugar was sold. When using sugar, people would chip away—it looked like the ridge we see here today.

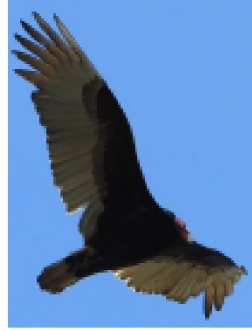
3. Now look for a rock, white and blue mixed with green, it is our state's favorite mineral: Serpentine! If you touch it, it feels waxy and smooth, but now it is time to get on the move.



4. In the woods to the left you will find, no doubts, madrone trees that burned and put up resprouts. The reddish brown bark will eventually peel, and show fresh green bark, so smooth to feel. Madrones grow berries on which animals feed, they help these trees to spread their seed.

5. Something else to keep an eye out for, animals leave traces on nature's floor. These hints can be feathers, prints or scat... which give us clues to who's been here or ate that! Fur and bone scat is left by a predator; mixed in with berries, it came from an omnivore.

6. Now in a meadow under the sky, You can watch the vultures fly. A large wingspan helps them soar, scanning for meat on the forest floor. These scavenger birds help keep the park clean, so rotting dead beasts are rarely seen! Onward we walk through open grasses, towards telescopes and astronomy classes.



7. This valley is great for telescopes, as light from the towns is blocked by steep slopes. See Jupiter's moons, great nebulas, Mars, and spend a night watching the stars! Astronomers host monthly "Star Party" events. You can book the group campsite and set up your tents. Here you'll find the Planet Walk's Sun; head out to Neptune, you'll have a long run.