

10. Walk **d**own the hill to the big white barn, in 1907 this was the Reynolds family farm. Through the corral to the back and the left, You'll find the trail to continue the quest.

At the "T" you can skip clues 11-13 & go .4 miles right to Quest End, or follow left to Camp Butler, a .6 mile round trip up Hillside trail with a view, picnic table and water fountain - see map.

11. Cross the bridge and view Sonoma creek, an old ranching days dam, you will now peek.

12. Right at the "T", you will find bench 15, amazing rocks up on the ridge can now be seen. Many say the rocks look like houses built by man, but it's all done by volcano, lava - yes it can.

13. Left up the hill 'til you see the view and a table, imagine a cookhouse, boy scouts and a swimming hole if you are able. Camp Butler was here from 1930 to 1941, A place for camping, learning, and fun.

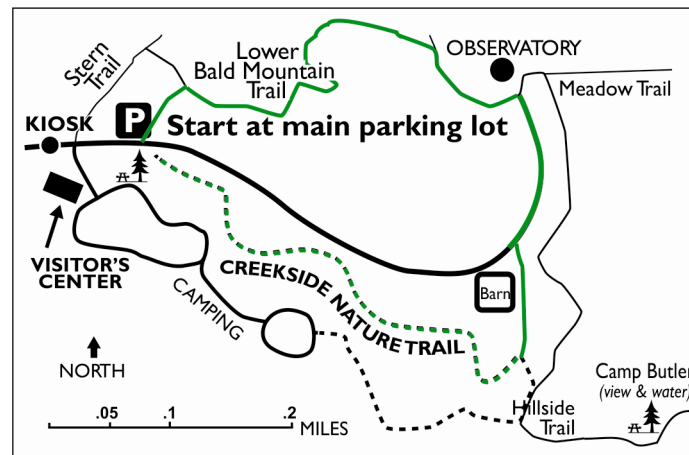


Follow Hillside back down & across bridge, then left at the "T" to continue from where we split...

14. Find a post marked four more than seven, Climb the hill to reach a view like heaven. Have a seat and look out at Mount Hood, imagine the Wappo campsites, if you could. They would come here in the right season, To hunt, gather, and enjoy was their reason.

Cool facts: 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 near St. Helena, Napa.

15. At the big open area you will see a **s**tage, here you can be entertained, no matter your age. Our amphitheater is where music and programs call home, but also many animals roam. Get close and look at the back of the structure, see what a certain bird may have tucked there.



16. Further on we find a nice picnic place, As humans we must try to "leave no trace" Any human food or litter we must take away, to keep nature natural from day to day.

17. Now you have reached the end of our quest, one more treasure to find, and you've done your best! On the left is a wooden railing, On the right a small oak and big bay, look in the roots to find the loot for the day!

The letters in **bold** you'll need for this box, Spell the magic word and see if it unlocks!

Congratulations! You have completed your mission and found the final treasure, along with many other treasures on the way. Place the stamp in the box below to show off your accomplishment, and leave a note in the Quest Log Book. If the Visitor's Center is open, stop by to let them know you did it!



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Sugarloaf Ridge Quest Hike

A 1.4 mile loop hike (additional .6 mile extension option) to discover the treasures our park offers!

Follow Lower Bald Mt. Trail to the Observatory, then down the Creekside Nature Trail. Check the treasure map on the back to help lead the way...



Our quest begins on Lower Bald Mountain Trail, with curiosity and your senses you are sure to not fail. By searching for clues both high and low, Your knowledge of Sugarloaf is bound to grow!

As we trek along and have our fun,
look out for lizards and snakes trying to get
some sun.
They'll lie on a rock or out in the path,
to take their reptile sunbath.

Cool fact: King snakes are immune to Rattlesnake
venom, and they will often prey upon them.

1. On the first big trees
to the right, hanging is
something green and

weird,
its called "lace lichen"
and looks like a beard.
This lichen is made of
algae and fungus, you
see, and it catches air-
borne nutrients for the
tree.
These minerals are
washed down by rain and
dew, into the tree's roots
for it to "chew".



Cool facts: Lace lichen (pronounced "lie-ken") is often called
"old man's beard." It 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 out to the right,
You will take in a marvelous sight.
What is that high mountainous ridge across the
way?
It's Sugarloaf Ridge! The name of the park in
which we play.
A large rounded loaf in days of old,
is the way in which sugar was sold.
When using the sugar, people would chip away,
And it looked like the ridge we see here today.



3. The trail continues to
wind back and forth,
as we head both up and
north.
Pause when you get to the
dead fir tree,
full of acorn woodpecker
holes you'll see.
Thousands of acorns these
birds will store,
working together, their
communities soar.
They make their nests close to their acorn
"pantries," this makes it easier to feed their
families.

Cool facts: Acorn Wood-
pecker parents sometimes
share a nest, laying eggs
together and caring for
their young along with the
hatchlings of others. The
young often stay with their
families until adulthood.



4. Now just wait, before we take off,
look down in the
path at this large
rock.
It appears to be a
mix of light and dark
green,
and it is our state
mineral: Serpentine!
If you touch it, it
feels waxy and smooth,
but now it is time to get on the move.



5. In the woods to the left is
an interesting thing,
Madrone trees growing in a
neat little ring.
When the reddish-brown bark
ages it will peel,
and show fresh green bark,
smooth to the feel.
Madrone's grow berries on
which animals feed,
they help these evergreen
trees spread their seed.

6. Something else to keep an eye out for,
animals leave behind traces on nature's floor.
These can be footprints, feathers, or scat...
which give us clues to who's been here or ate
that!

In scat we can see signs of berries, seeds, or fur,
so this may be the sign of an omnivore.

7. Now in a meadow under
the open sky,
search above to see turkey
vultures as they fly.
A large wingspan helps them
soar on thermal air currents,
if frightened by a predator
they'll throw up as defense!
This causes a distraction and
gets them away in a flash.
They smell their food from
great distances: it's dead animal "trash,"
these scavenger birds help keep the park clean,
So don't call them "gross", that would be mean!



Onward we walk through the open grasses,
towards a place that hosts **o**ut-of-this-world
classes.

At the fork in the
trail we follow
right,
to the observatory
to catch some cool
sights.



8. Robert Fergus-
son **o**bservatory
houses three telescopes,
at night, light from town is blocked by the moun-
tain slopes.
This way astronomers can see the moon, nebulas,
or Mars, and even you can come gaze at the
stars!
They host public monthly "Star Party" events,
or you can book the group campsite and set up
your tents.



9. Here you will also find the
Planet Walk start,
a trail that demonstrates how
far the planets are apart.