

11. Walk down 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 12-14 & 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.

12. Cross the bridge and view Sonoma creek, an old ranching days dam, you will now peek.
13. Right at the "T", you will find bench I5, 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.

14. 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.

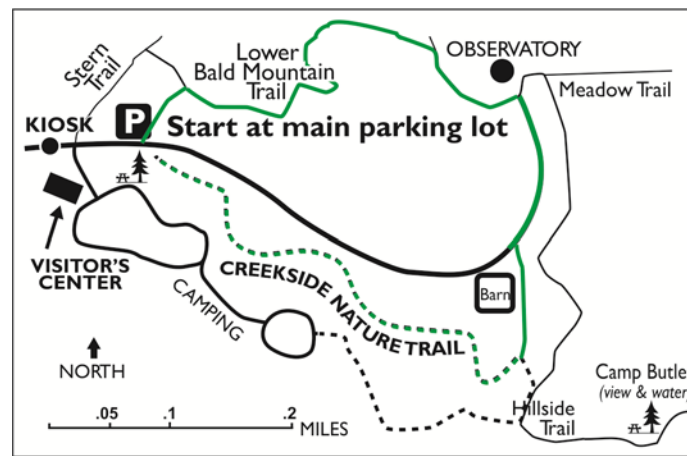


Follow Hillside back down & across bridge, then left at the "T" to continue from where we split...

15. 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.

16. At the big open area you will see a stage, 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.

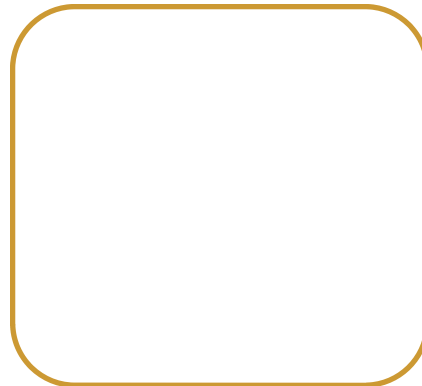


17. Stay on the Nature trail till a nice picnic place, As humans we must try to "leave no trace" Any human food or litter we must take away, to keep nature natural from day to day.

18. 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.



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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 airborne 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 Woodpecker 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. Madrones 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 prints, 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 out-of-this-world classes. At the fork in the trail we follow right, towards the observatory to catch some cool sights.



8. Before the building, go to the right to the trees, and search for place created by Wappo families. In the hole on the flat rock, acorns they did crush, to make their favorite food, a kind of delicious mush. (Careful when you climb up and look out for snakes)

9. Robert Ferguson Observatory houses three telescopes, at night, light from town is blocked by the mountain 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.



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