



Whetstone Gulf Quest

Use the information below to learn about the history and wildlife at Whetstone Gulf while you search for your stamp. At the end of your Quest, you should find a box. Inside is a stamp, unique to this location, to mark your booklet. Don't forget to put the box back where you found it so other people can find it too!

Description:

Whetstone Gulf State Park is built around a three mile long gorge cut into the Tug Hill Plateau. It provides spectacular scenery including waterfalls, cliffs, and a creek. The gorge trail runs along the creek and can incorporate a 1 mile route. A North - South Rim Trail overlooks the entire gorge, and is approximately 5 miles round trip. This quest begins at the top of the North Rim Trail, and is about 2 miles round trip.

Directions:

From Watertown take Route 12 for approximately 23 miles to the intersection of Route 177. Bearing right, cross Route 177 and proceed onto West Road. Go approximately 6 miles to Alger Road, just before the intersection of Route 26. Turn right and proceed another mile to a large parking area on the right. The trail begins on the steps across the road.

Clues:

Begin at the top of the north rim trail
Go up the steps, hang on to the rail
Stand near the edge and take quick a peak
Be careful though, the drop to the creek is steep

Continue down the trail, a bridge will be in view
Walk across the planks, and soon you will come to
A forest of pine trees that must be old
They were planted by the CCC, as I've been told

On your right, look out from the rim
The creek looks refreshing, but it's not the place to swim
Two miles north is a man-made pool
Where people can swim and stay nice and cool

You'll be there soon, but first take a left
Walk along the stream, and give some rocks a heft
Next you will see many fir and red spruce
They all work together, and intertwine their roots

From this point now, the treasure that you seek
Is just a few more steps ahead past this little creek
Look for three beech trees, lined up in a row
Once you spot them, you can begin to tip tow

Now you'll come upon three branches of a tree
That overhang the trail as far as you can see
An oak very large, that is impossible to miss
Will lead you to your treasure and pure bliss

Turn around in the direction of your parked car
Because unfortunately, you have gone too far
The treasure is hidden in a tall maple tree
That has a small hole, which you can see easily

Take out the box and the rubber stamp, too
Read about the park so you can learn something new
But, wait, before you go, please put the box back
So other boys and girls can follow in your tracks

From here you can continue to the bottom of the rim
If the park is still open, reward yourself with a swim
Or if you are too tired, head back to the parking lot
If you enjoyed the quest, please tell others about this spot!

GPS Coordinates of Stamp:
N 43.70083, W 075.47878

