



Borderland State Park

Survival Skills Scavenger Hunt

Compass and Maps



July 4-August 9, 2020

Welcome to the Compass and Maps scavenger hunt! Whether you're going for a short hike at Borderland or a long trek on the Appalachian Trail, knowing how to use a compass and map are essential. Having good navigational skills can lead you in the right direction and assist professionals (like rangers!) find you when you're lost. So now it's time to put your skills to the test! Ranger Darren has hidden pictures around Borderland which can be found using a compass and park map. Find them and a prize may be in your future!

How to Play:



- There are five quests of varying difficulty, each leading to a hidden picture posted on a tree.
- When you find the hidden picture take a selfie or group photo in front of it, making sure the hidden picture is visible in the background. Each correct photo will earn you one entry into the prize drawing. The more you find the better your chances! Find all five and receive one bonus entry!
- Solve the Word Find Quest (optional) and receive one bonus entry!
- To be entered in the prize drawing email all of your photos, as well a photo of your completed Word Find Quest, to borderland.park@mass.gov by **Sunday, August 9**. Email when you're finished playing, not as you find each one. Include all information found in the "Contact Information" box (bottom of Quest Sheet). One submission per group. Winners drawn at random and notified by Friday, August 14.

**Note:* Your emailed photos will only be used as proof that you found a picture and for no other purposes.

Things to know:

- Keep socially distanced at all times. Carry in and carry out all trash. Leave no trace.
- Maps are no longer provided at the park. Please print/download your own from mass.gov/locations/borderland-state-park.
- If using a compass app on your phone, remove any phone case which has a magnet in it and restart your phone (magnet causes false compass readings).
- Difficulty level is based on the terrain and approximate duration from the starting locations: Easy = <1 hour, Medium = 1 hour, Hard = 1-2 hours.
- Compass directions are only intended to start you on a path. Once on the path, it may wind in other directions.
- Unless you're at a tree with a yellow ribbon, only go on trails which can be found on the park map (hereafter called "named trails").
- One quest does not lead to another, so the order is completely up to you!



QUEST SHEET



Quest 1 (Easy)

Starting Location: Visitor Center

1. Your first compass direction is provided on a tree at the starting location.
2. Continue until you reach a four-way intersection, then take the path heading East.
3. Take the second named trail on your left.
4. Continue until you reach another named trail, then look for the tree with your next compass direction.
5. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Southeast.
6. Continue until the trail splits, then take the path heading East.
7. Follow the trail until you see the yellow tree ribbon. Head into woods in an East direction for 10 paces to find the tree with the hidden picture!

Quest 2 (Medium)

Starting Location: Lodge

1. Your first compass direction is provided on a tree at the starting location.
2. Continue until you reach another named trail, then look for the tree with your next compass direction.
3. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
4. Continue until you reach a signed intersection, then take the path heading Northeast.
5. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading East.
6. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading North.
7. Follow the trail until you see the yellow tree ribbon. Head into woods in a West direction for 60 paces to find the tree with the hidden picture!

Quest 3 (Medium)

Starting Location: Intersection of Pond Walk and Rockland Street Trail

1. Your first compass direction is provided on a tree at the starting location.
2. Continue until you reach another named trail, then look for the tree with your next compass direction.
3. Continue until you reach a signed intersection, then take the path heading Northeast.
4. Continue until you reach another signed intersection, then take the path heading Northeast.
5. Follow the trail until you see a yellow tree ribbon, then take the path heading Northwest.
6. Follow the trail until you see another yellow tree ribbon. Head into woods in an Southeast direction for 35 paces, then Southwest for 20 paces to find the tree with the hidden picture!

Quest 4 (Medium-Hard)

Starting Location: Visitor Center

1. Your first compass direction is provided on a tree at the starting location.
2. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
3. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
4. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading East.
5. Follow the trail until you see the yellow tree ribbon. Head into woods in a Southwest direction for 15 paces, then Northwest for 20 paces, then Southwest for 15 paces to find the tree with the hidden picture!

Quest #5 (Hard)

Starting Location: Tisdale Site

1. Your first compass direction is provided on a tree at the starting location.
2. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
3. Continue until you reach a signed intersection, then take the path heading Northwest.
4. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northwest.
5. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
6. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
7. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading East.
8. Continue until you reach another named trail, then take the path heading Northeast.
9. Follow the trail until you see a yellow tree ribbon, then take the path heading West.
10. Follow the trail until you see another yellow tree ribbon. Head into woods in an Southeast direction for 20 paces, then East for 10 paces, then South for 25 paces to find the tree with the hidden picture!

Contact Information

Please list all participants, one person's email, and one mailing address to send prizes if chosen as winner.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Word Find Quest



Borderland State Park has recently installed new interpretive signs at the Visitor Center, Ames Mansion, Old Mansion Swimming Pool and the Tisdale Site. Not only do they provide interesting information about the park's history, but they can get you closer to winning a prize too! Simply find and fill the missing words to form questions, and then solve them. Take a photo of this completed sheet and submit it with your emailed quest photos. If everything is filled out and answered correctly you will receive one bonus entry into the prize drawing!

How to Play:

Each missing word has three components: sign location, line number, and word number. Use the Sign Key to find the sign's location, then use the subsequent numbers to find the correct line and word number.

Example: V,2,6 = Visitor Center sign, 2nd line, 6th word = "artist"

Sign Key:

V= Visitor Center P = Old Pool

M = Mansion T = Tisdale Site

- What _____ state _____ ? Answer: _____
 V,18,5 P,6,9 V,9,2 M,7,10 T,5,5 V,11,1
- Math problem! (_____ + _____) x (_____ - _____ + _____) = Answer: _____
 T,11,4 M,7,7 P,6,12 T,4,5 V,8,2
- How much did _____ cost _____ ? Answer: _____
 M,10,5 T,9,3 V,10,5 T,9,6 P,3,6 V,3,2 (Website used: _____)
- _____ towns _____ Easton _____ ? Answer: _____
 T,12,7 P,4,8 M,11,6 V,16,5 T,5,11 P,6,3 M,3,5
- What _____ sport? Answer: _____
 V,18,5 T,8,10 V,11,1 P,7,4 M,9,3 P,5,9