



## The Fells Quest

**Newbury, New Hampshire**

Special Features: Natural, Historical

Physical Difficulty: Moderate

Duration: 1:00

Bring: Money for entrance fee, pencil

**To get there:**

*Take I-89 south to Exit 12. Take a right off the exit ramp. Make an immediate left onto Rte. 103A and follow it for 5.6 miles to The Fells. The Fells will be on your right. Park just inside the gate. Grounds open year-round 9am- 5pm. Check the [website](#) for admission fees.*

**Overview:**

Located in Newbury, New Hampshire, on the shores of Lake Sunapee, The Fells was the summer retreat for three generations of the Hay family: Secretary of State John M. Hay, who also served as private secretary to Abraham Lincoln; Clarence Hay, a noted archaeologist, who developed the gardens with his wife, Alice Appleton Hay; and nature writer John Hay. The estate is now open to the public and operates as a historic site, public garden, and wildlife refuge. It is named the Fells, because the land reminded John Hay of his ancestral homeland in Scotland, where rocky upland pastures are referred to as "Fells."

**Clues:**

1. Horse and buggy once drove through the gates.

Now you bring your car.

As you start the Quest today,

This is where you are. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ (\_\_\_) \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ (\_\_\_).

2. The little gatehouse is just the start

Of the grand \_\_\_ (\_\_\_) \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ this used to be.

Then head down the driveway ¼ mile.

To see the wildlife, walk very quietly.

3. At the fork in the road you'll see the house,  
And shrubs whose summer fruit is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A food to make and serve with these,  
Is a \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ muffin clue!
4. Go left on the road and behind the house,  
Then through the gate in the high  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) wall.  
Follow the sound of a fountain's splash,  
But be careful, we don't want you to \_\_\_\_\_!
5. Now turn and walk to the wide brick porch,  
And count the columns all in a row.  
These (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ pillars of grace and strength  
Make quite an impressive show.
6. From the lawns, gaze out to the field,  
And look to the end of the wall.  
Since 1902, when the 26<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ was here,  
Roosevelt's Maple has stood tall.
7. Now climb the steps of the north lawn,  
Approaching flowers out in bloom,  
In these woods, late at night,  
You might see a bushy, bandit-faced \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Turn onto a path to a magical place,  
By the tree with the hanging \_\_\_\_\_.  
Enter the enchanted Fairy Village,  
Where nature spirits fly on wings.
9. Here you will find a tall tree that bear  
Needles, pine-cones, and holds the key to the  
Quest box. Great work!

\_\_\_\_\_

This Quest was created by Maggie Stier and Loa Winter in 1998 and updated in 2023 by Simon Parsons.