

# Explore Beverly Beach Quest

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This Quest begins at the day-use area at Beverly Beach State Park. The day-use area is open from 6 am to 10 pm, and parking is free. Dogs are welcome in the park and on the trails, but they must be kept on a 6-foot leash at all times. The park entrance is located on the east side of Highway 101, six miles north of Newport and six miles south of Depoe Bay.

The Quest is an easy, 60-minute walk on paved and dirt trails. The dirt trails can be wet and muddy in the rainy spring, fall, and winter months, so waterproof shoes are recommended. [Watch this video](#) of the trail.



## Let's begin!

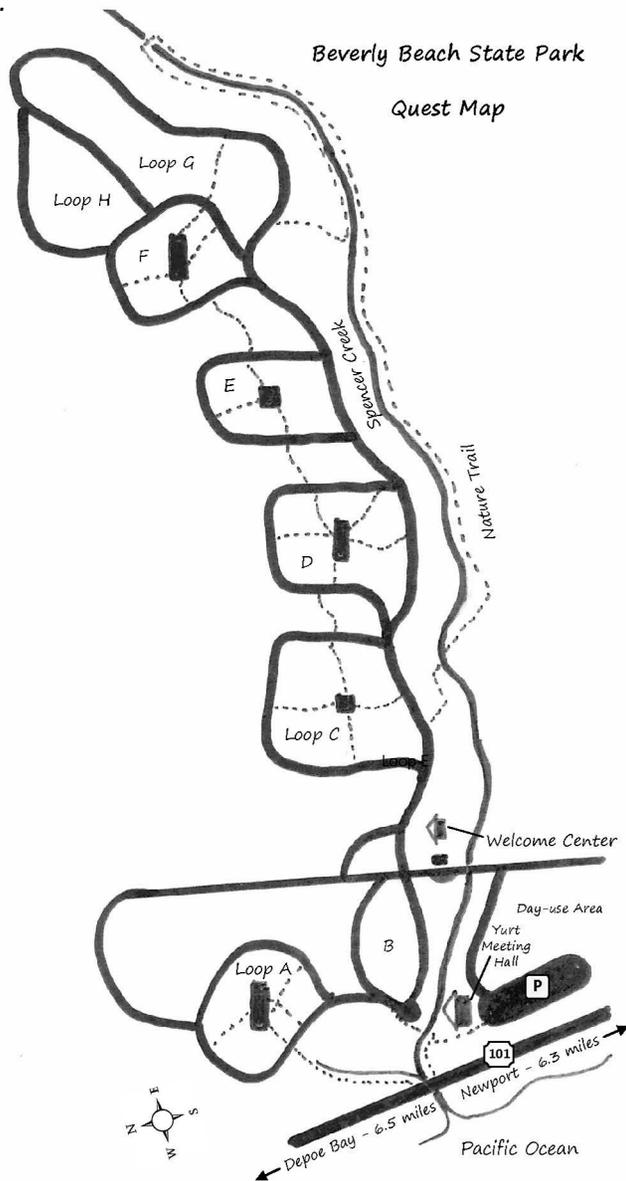
Welcome to Beverly Beach State Park  
Where the forest meets the sea.  
On this quest you'll find bridges;  
you'll see four, but cross only three.

First, walk toward Spencer Creek Bridge  
Where cars travel high, out of reach.  
Look for a sign about fishing  
And check if you can on this beach.

The ocean here is in a \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve.  
The fish are protected in this bit of blue.  
Write the 4th letter of the missing word.  
This is your first (number 1) letter clue.

Cross the footbridge and when you do  
Take a look at the water running below.  
Ahead the water runs into the sea.  
From here, it hasn't far to go.

Use this map to help you solve the Quest. Follow the directions and collect the letter clues to fill the numbered squares on the last page of this Quest. The message you complete will help you find the hidden Quest box.



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Next, walk across the grass to the north.  
Remember, the ocean is west.  
Look for something that seems out of place  
To continue with this quest.

Debris from winter storms  
May be scattered around.  
Locate the huge root structure  
That is lying on the ground.

These roots of an ancient spruce  
Washed up from the sea to the land.  
But for years the roots were covered,  
Long buried under beach \_\_\_\_\_.

Under what had the roots been buried?  
The answer holds your next clue.  
Put the second letter of the missing word  
In clue space number 2.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

*This ancient tree root mass was buried when the land suddenly dropped into the sea. It remained preserved beneath the sand for 4,100 years before surfacing and breaking free in 1998. Violent winter storms washed it into the mouth of Spencer Creek in 1999.*

Beyond the grass is a very small creek  
Where a family of beavers swim.  
They sleep the daylight hours away  
And come out when the light grows dim.

Sometimes beavers build dams of wood  
They construct them here, after dark.  
Rangers break them down, so the creek  
Won't overflow and flood the park.

In the creek you may see a beaver dam,  
Or remnants where a dam once stood.  
Look for a spot that is partially blocked  
And for pieces of beaver-gnawed wood.

Turn and walk back toward the south  
And follow the paved road around  
To where the campsites have a number  
On a marker driven into the ground.

Follow the numbers as they ascend,  
12, 13, 14, on up to 22.  
The letter that precedes each number  
Will be the number 3 clue.

Now cross the road in the crosswalk  
Past the buildings and toward Loop "C."  
Stay on the main road, near the campsites  
And stop when you get to C-3.

Look for a sign that says "Nature Trail."  
Four words are on the sign and no more.  
One letter can be found in all four words.  
Put it in the square for clue number 4.

Head down the path on the nature trail.  
You will cross over bridge number two.  
Take time to stop and gaze at the creek.  
Take time to listen, too!

Fish live in the water below.  
Insects and mammals do, too.  
Before you go on, search the end  
Of the bridge for your number 5 clue.

Go straight into the forest and look left.  
You'll spy a most interesting tree.  
See if you can fit inside.  
Does it remind you of a tepee?



This tree grew atop an old tree stump.  
It grew up but the old stump has shrunk.  
The roots of the new tree became exposed,  
Formed bark, and became part of the trunk.

Check out the side of the creek.  
Trees shade the water here.  
The temperature is good for fish.  
They like water that's cool and clear.

You may rest on the bench nearby  
To watch for birds or spot a nest.  
On the back of the bench is clue number 6.  
Find it before or after your rest.



Up on the main path is another sign.  
It tells where young salmon like to go,  
And why quiet backwaters are their friends  
And wild rivers are their foe.

The sign has a title that is seasonal.  
It consists of word one and word two.  
Pick the first letter of the second word  
To find the 7th clue.

Follow the trail along the creek.  
Enjoy the sights and sounds as you do.  
You need to walk a long, long time  
Before you find another clue.

You'll see a forest full of evergreen trees.  
Sitka spruce is one that thrives in shade.  
It's lightweight wood is super strong  
And from it, airplanes are made.

Its cones are soft and golden-brown.  
Its needles are sharp and greenish-blue.  
They can stick you if you pick them up,  
So be careful if you do.

Western hemlock is another shade-lover.  
In this forest it can also be found.  
Its needles are soft and different sizes.  
Its tiny, dark cones cover the ground.

When you find a fallen log across the trail  
That is very large and straight  
With a section cut out, to pass through,  
It means you have reached clue 8.

Stop here and look to your left,  
Beneath the log and low.  
That is where you'll find the clue  
And then away you go.

HINT: If you get to the metal culvert  
And still haven't found the log,  
Turn around and go back about 45 steps.  
You can walk, or you can jog.



Continue on the trail; it's mostly level.  
Then it rises up, down, and up again.  
The forest is dense with trees and plants  
And the trail is narrow and thin.

When the forest begins to change  
And the trail becomes open and wide,  
Find a "Y" going around a big, old stump.  
You can walk around either side.

The trail leads close to the creek again.  
Find the third footbridge and you'll do fine.  
Cross and check the last post on the right.  
Here you'll find clue number 9.

**QUESTION  
for the Curious**

*What is a baby beaver called?  
The answer is in the Quest Box  
at the end of your journey!*



Turn left and head on down this trail.  
 You'll go back the direction you came.  
 But when you walk this side of the creek,  
 Things won't look the same.

Find the sign that tells the importance  
 Of leaving fallen trees in the creek.  
 Title line...last word...second letter  
 Is the number 10 clue that you seek.

Follow the creek down the trail  
 And soon a playground will appear.  
 Take the path that leads you into it.  
 The next clue is very near.

A sign tells the name of the playground.  
 It has two words that name a man who  
 Has a name that contains four letters.  
 The second letter is your 11th clue.

Travel through the playground  
 Past a play area for younger guest.  
 Pass rows of benches and a big screen  
 To continue on this Quest.

Look across at the main road.  
 See a tree with many legs and very tall.  
 It is a Sitka \_\_\_\_\_. Can you remember?  
 For building airplanes, it is best of all.

Now use the word that filled the blank;  
 The third letter is the number 12 clue.  
 Follow the arrow into the "E" loop road  
 To discover what you should do.

Find where to dump dishwater.  
 It's marked with three words.  
 Use the third letter of the first word  
 And write it in clue number 13.

Down the road, near E-14  
 Is a path that you need to find.  
 Take it all the way across to "D" Loop;  
 Past restroom buildings it will wind.

In "D" Loop, find a water pipeline marker  
 That says, "Caution," and when you do,  
 Take the first letter of its color.  
 It will be the number 14 clue.

Make your way across to "C" Loop,  
 Stay on the path 'til you see C-39.  
 This is the end of the footpath,  
 And you are doing mighty fine.

Now turn left toward the main road.  
 Over to the Welcome Center you go.  
 A sign is posted on the deck railing,  
 "For Your Safety," it says "No..."

The sign lists very fun activities,  
 But in this area they are not safe to do.  
 Of the very first one mentioned,  
 The third letter is the number 15 clue.

Find the Welcome Center sign.  
 Two vowels in each word are the same.  
 Enter this letter as clue number 16.  
 You have almost completed the game.

The ramp will help you find the box.  
 The clues spell where to look.  
 Stamp your page and then return it.  
 Don't forget to write in the book!

Fill in the boxes with the answers to the clues to solve the Quest.

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*When you've found the Quest Box, sign your name and stamp the back of your book to mark your accomplishment. Don't forget to seal the box tightly and return it to its hiding place for the next person to find!*