

ZEBEDEE WETLAND QUEST

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Linny Levin

QUEST OVERVIEW: Zebedee Wetlands is owned by the Upper Valley Land Trust and used by the Thetford Elementary School and other schools as an outdoor classroom. The Linny Levin Trail has been built to remember and honor the joy Linny found outdoors with kids of all ages. It was created by volunteers and supported with funds held in Linny's memory by the Thetford Conservation Commission.

DIRECTIONS: I 91 to exit 14; Follow Rt.113 for 0.9 m to Thetford Hill; before white church turn right on Houghton Hill Road; after about a quarter mile park by green gate on right.

QUEST CLUES:

Just past the green gate busy hands
have built a kiosk. Where it stands
get information for the hike
or sit and read it if you like.

The trail starts on the right-hand side.
It's rocky, muddy, not too wide
and marked with trail signs on the way,
so you won't wander far astray.

The wet spots on some boards you cross.
There sleeps a stone wall draped in moss.
An alligator's stony back
helps ford the mud. Please stay on track.

A log bench lets you rest and view
across the cattails. Trees are few.
The path then leaves the marsh uphill
through hemlock groves, so green and still

and winds back to the water's edge,
to white pond lilies, reeds and sedge,
to herons, turtles, ducks and frogs,
to weasel tracks and polliwogs.

A bench and trail sign mark the point
Where old and new trails now are joint.
Go straight ahead and you will find
the beavers had it in their mind

to flood the old path with a dam
close to their lodge and log bridge span.
So turn around, and don't be sorry!
The trail sign leads you without worry

around the wet and flooded lands
across a stream, and then it bends
back to the lake, follows the shore
through leaf-strewn woods a little more.

There on the left, don't miss the seat!
Sit down, look round, and rest your feet.
A beaver lodge, looks like a nest?
Could this be it? - It hides the Quest!

Back up now to the path ahead.
Along the edge it can be wet,
but it will lead you in straight shot
to kiosk and the parking lot.