4-H
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Buttermilk Falls
This property once before being a natural area was the home of Fred McFeely with a large house, horse stables, a three car garage, outbuildings and a swimming area before the falls. Fred Rogers, from “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood” was McFeely’s grandson and used to visit the estates often. Today the 49 foot waterfall and old foundations remain and the park is open from 8am to 8pm or sunset. For more information visit: http://www.indianacountyparks.org

Directions
Buttermilk Falls is a little out of the way. Follow 22 West to Clyde until you reach Clay Pike Road (TR716) which should be on your left. Follow until you reach Valley Brook Road on your left. At this point you should see small blue signs for the park. Follow Valley Brook Road and the signs straight into the park.

How to Quest
Buttermilk Falls is a small park with only limited facilities and the quest is divided between two trails. You can do one part of the quest or the other but both are recommended as each part shows different aspects of the park. It is recommended to visit at specific times of the year to get the full effect of blooming flowers. Note: this is a hiking trail and sneakers or hiking boots are encouraged rather than flip flops. There are also areas for picnics so bringing lunch is encouraged.

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YOUR CLUES

Welcome to Buttermilk Falls, a beautiful natural area with a waterfall and wildflowers.
This quest for the first part leads off the marked path; if you do not have experience hiking, are handicapped or with very small children do not leave the marked path.
We and the park are not responsible for any injuries that may result from any carelessness. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Clue 1
This tree holds deep scars from when it was young
An old fence line perhaps, three wires of fun
But listen to hear
your next clue is quite near
so follow the sound
and the path that leads you around

Clue 2
With a height that is measured at 49 feet,
For Pennsylvania this waterfall’s a treat
Look at the sunlight that catches the water
Look for a rainbow, for luck that won’t falter
Yet this quest isn’t over so look for a small trail that follows the stream and history’s tale.
Yet this trip isn’t for those who are not well equipped
No flip flops, sandals or shoes with high heels or tips

Clue 3
For only the sure-footed and bold
Across the stream there’s treasures untold
Cross the stream when the water is low
Adults help young children and keep them in tow
But if you are worried and don’t want to cross
Just give the next two stops a toss

Note: if you do follow these two stops, the park nor quest program can be held responsible for injuries. It is for experienced hikers with proper footwear only.

Clue 4
This next little trail is really quite tricky,
The path twists and turns, is muddy and slippery
Travel down with caution and care
Don’t run down or travel with flare
Use roots and dry rocks as hand holds and steps
This next stop really justifies the trek
Clue 5
Only for those who are bold and fleet of foot
Take the path under the falls that many took
Some carved their names, left messages in rock
It makes you wonder what the falls would say if they
could talk
But while it is fun to observe the shelf under the falls
You can’t leave your own messages on the walls
Back up the trail and across the stream
Follow the trail further there’s much more to see

Clue 6
This small little path leads much further back
Old foundations and flowers can be seen on this path
Just remember to keep the stream in your sights
So with nature you won’t get into a fight.

Clue 7
What you see here was made by Fred McFeely
A manmade swimming hole for Mr. Rogers, no really
An old house there once was, with a garage and a stable
But you must keep moving as long as your able.

Clue 8
With leaves of three, they bloom in mid April through
eyearly May
Trillium is a wildflower you don’t see every day
Purple, white, orange yellow and pink,
There are many flowers here that make it a treat
Look and admire, but don’t touch or take
Leave them for others to enjoy in your wake

Clue 9
Where the wild mountain laurel blooms in thick
bunches
This isn’t the place where you stop to eat your lunches
The trail ends here so turn round and head back
But only to where the past meets the path

Clue 10
At the old home foundations stop and look up
See that little trail you must follow it to the top
If you can’t follow it up than just travel back to the
original trail
It will lead you back without fail
**Clue 11**
Follow the rock path back to the top and beginning
If you’ve made it back so far, then you’re really cooking
It’s the end of part one so you can stop or keep going
On to part two or stop take a break for lunch or a snack
Then for part two take the McFeely track

**Clue 12**
The yellow markers lead the way
But don’t worry if the path splits in twain
Go left or right, just follow your feet
You’ll find at the end the circle’s complete
If you can’t find the clues, then start from the next to last picture and work back
It just means you took the opposite path of the quest.

**Clue 13**
This green leafy plant, used in wreaths and other yuletide decorations
Is green all year round
And grows close to the ground
Like a small pine tree it’s really quite fine
Perhaps that’s why they call it ground pine

**Clue 14**
Mid April and Early May holds a surprise
It really is a beautiful sight for your eyes
Under these strange umbrella like leaves
Hides a pretty white flower you wouldn’t believe
In this woodland area among the trees tall as towers
There is a field, a field of May Flowers

**Clue 15**
There are many of those who have left their marks
Some would probably consider it art
Yet it’s harmful to the trees so don’t add to the marks
Continue on the trail through the park
Clue 16
Look up at the trees and look all around
Not all are mushrooms that grow on the ground
On the living and dead, these plants will grow
Colorful and bountiful these plants are almost a show

Clue 17
Here are the marks of insects that took over the tree
Leaving little trails under the bark
Just like a maze or a work of art
But the end is drawing near
You’re very close, never you fear

Clue 18
Another mark that resulted from bugs
Woodpeckers pecking to find the little thugs
These little holes can also be made nests,
After the birds have gotten rid of the little pests
But now the end is drawing near,
The end of the quest is becoming quite clear
So look for the treasure you’ve sought all along
Where you can have lunch and we hope you had fun!
The pavilion is best
If you choose to take a rest
Look around for hidden treasure
Just for your own pleasure!

Thank you for joining us on the 4-H Quests. Check out the PA 4-H website for more Quests in the Lumber Heritage Region.

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