

The Quail Trail

A Child's Guide to the MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS



"We're here! We've come to visit the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. What shall we see? Let's listen for a Quail call to find our way." It sounds like this: **chi-CA-go, chi-CA-go**

"The Quail Trail, the Quail Trail - Follow me!" says QUINCY THE QUAIL. Be sure to take a map of the Gardens with you. Beware of steep and uneven trails. Stop, Look, and Listen along The Quail Trail.

- 1** First stop is the HERITAGE ROSE GARDEN. What's blooming? How do the roses smell? Do they smell the same or different from each other? Where's Quincy?
- 2** Quincy flutters into the DISPLAY HOUSE. What's blooming? How many colors can you count? "Look A-ROUND, Look A-ROUND"
- 3** Turn left for HEATHS & HEATHERS. So many tiny flowers, so many colors in these bushy plants! Quincy hops up to be the lookout.
- 4** Ouch! Watch out for the prickly CACTI. Nearby is a giant Grevillea bush that is a home to hummingbirds.
- 5** RHODODENDRONS are everywhere! Some have big leaves, some have small leaves, and all have flowers as big as your fist. Some of the flowers are huge!
- 6** Push open the big DEER GATE made of sticks. Push it shut again.
- 7** Up the hill, keep to the left. "Over HERE, Over HERE," Quincy calls as he scurries to the VEGETABLE GARDEN.

- 8 Next is a quiet stop at the PARRISH FAMILY CEMETERY. David and Sarah Parrish and their ten children moved to Fort Bragg in 1893. They built the FARMHOUSE you can see just past the Vegetable Garden.
- 9 Enter the STRAWBERRY VILLAGE. Peek below the rows of green leaves for some yummy red berries. Pick a few, eat a few, and leave the rest for other visitors large and small.
- 10 In the summer, look for bright blooms in the DAHLIA GARDEN. Can you find a flower that is bigger than your hand?
- 11 Look up and up some more as Quincy guides you through the CLOSED CONE PINE FOREST. Look down for a pine cone, but let it stay on the forest floor. Do you hear the loud woodpeckers tap-tap-tapping?
- 12 Follow Quincy to the CLIFF HOUSE, out of the wind. "REST A-while, REST A-while."
- 13 Going on, Quincy hides in the grasses of the COASTAL BLUFF near the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Watch for whale spouts in winter and spring. "Stay WAY Back, Stay WAY Back," Quincy calls.
- 14 Then turn around and re-trace your tracks to head back along the North Trail, Quincy quickly hurries into the WOODLAND GARDEN. Do you spot any mushrooms poking out of the ground?
- 15 Back down the trail and around the bend, we finish the QUAIL TRAIL trek in the colorful PERENNIAL GARDEN.

**"Lots TO See" Quincy tells you.
"Come A-GAIN, Come A-GAIN!"**