



The Quail Trail

A Child's Guide

"We're here! We've come to visit the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, but we don't know where to go. 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! Follow me!*" says Quincy the Quail hopping down the steps and across the grass.

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,*" he says.
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. "*Keep GO-ing, Keep GO-ing,*" Quincy calls as he hurries across **FERN CANYON CREEK**.
8. Up the hill, keep to the left. "*Over HERE, Over HERE,*" Quincy calls as he scurries to the **VEGETABLE GARDEN**. Is that a giant in the **ORCHARD**? Let's look!

9. Next is a quiet stop at the **PARRISH FAMILY CEMETARY**.
10. Enter the **FAIRY VILLAGE**. Stop to build a fairy house. Quincy glides in to find a home for his family.
11. Look for bright blooms in the **DAHLIA GARDEN**. Can you find a flower that is bigger than your hand?
12. Back down the hill, go across the bridge, then follow Quincy. He turns left and takes **FERN CANYON TRAIL** along the creek. He cocks his head and says, "*Find the ferns EVERYwhere, EVERYwhere.*"
13. 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 pines whispering? Do you hear the loud woodpeckers tap-tap-tapping?
14. Follow Quincy to the **CLIFF HOUSE**, out of the wind. "*REST A-while, REST A-while.*"
15. Going on, Quincy hides in the grasses of the **GRASSY BLUFF** near the edge of the Pacific Ocean. Watch for whale spouts in winter and spring. "*Stay WAY Back, Stay WAY Back,*" Quincy calls.
16. Heading back along the North Trail, Quincy quickly hurries into the **WOODLAND GARDEN**. Do you spot any mushrooms poking out of the ground?
17. Back down the trail and around the bend, there is the beautiful **PERENNIAL GARDEN** again. "*Lots TO See, Lots TO See,*" Quincy tells you.

"Come A-GAIN, Come A-GAIN!"

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.***

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