



# ECHO Quest

**Starting Point:** Just outside ECHO's front doors, 1 College Street, Burlington, Vermont

Welcome Questers, ready, set, go  
It's ECHO Quest, let's see what you know  
Animals, plants, and people are here at ECHO  
Connected to each other and to the ebb and flow  
Of Lake Champlain and its watershed  
Come inside and we'll fill your head  
With helpful facts and you will discover  
How we all depend on the health of each other  
And to the environment that is unique to this place  
Now come and meet a snapping turtle face to face!

Walk through the door and quickly turn left  
You'll see a "mail" fish if you are deft  
This is a clue  
To guide you to something blue  
Your destination drops water from up high  
But don't get dizzy if you want to stay dry  
Keep on walking to the stairs  
Go to the second landing, walk in pairs

Look up and follow the flock  
Until you reach a place with lots of rock  
In this tank you'll see Bowfin and Longnose Gar  
Now turn to your right to see an interesting bar  
These bubbles are coming from beneath  
They also come out of fishes mouths when they breathe

Next walk up the stairs and with just one look  
If it's clear out, see mountains that in April '02 shook  
While you were sleeping in your bed  
You might not have felt what wobbled your head

You wonder what caused the Adirondacks to evolve  
Look to your right your question will be solved  
Move around the rocks, there are just a few  
This cool experiment is made for two

Now try the test with the continental plates  
And see what created these United States  
Find a partner and with just one shove  
That's what formed those mountains above

If you lived here 13,300 years ago  
Things would look different, don't you know?  
Glaciers once covered much of the land  
Changing the Basin with their heavy hand  
Now turn away from the collision  
And get ready to make a decision  
What was the water like when that glacier left?  
Was it salt or was it fresh?

One day at the beach you suddenly go ouch  
You stepped on a sea urchin. Don't be a grouch!  
There are many other animals in this sea  
That aren't so harmful like the anemone  
Look at the starfish staring in wonder  
And the hermit crabs scurrying under

Now look through the triangle in the red wall  
You'll see a farm animal standing tall  
Go to the large animal made out of wire  
To finish this Quest that's what we require  
Cows are part of this watershed too  
Responsible farmers pick up cows' poo

Now act like a mole, where do you go?  
In a hole to see the flow  
Look in the window, what do you see?  
A turtle staring in at me!

Crawl out of the hole and what do you know?  
A bird is flying overhead  
To search for clams on the riverbed

Follow the river  
Please do not quiver  
The fish are only staring, not stressed  
But don't get into a blinking contest  
The fish will win, they'll make you weep  
You will be standing here an entire week!

Look for the bullfrog and come to his lair  
Pass by without a care  
Take 5 regular steps towards the blue door,  
Turn to your left and face the next waterhole



Did you know Lake Champlain was once part of a Sea?  
Oh look, a beaver chewed up that tree!  
Swim down in the water, act like a fish  
Don't get too close, your mind will go squish!

Get back on your feet, and step on the first step stone  
Turn left, can you find anyone who's home?  
Great! You found it, now what is it?  
Wait, look down at the green platelet,  
Now read all about it

What is so unique about this treefrog?  
How does it adapt  
To its little habitat?  
Turn to the right, look down at the floor  
Please keep going, there isn't much more

Follow the gray stones  
Until you reach the alpine zone  
Walk around the land of opportunity  
And face the globe  
Walk to watershed way  
Head for the mountain  
Pull the lever and what do you get?  
A waterfall, but don't get wet!

Now grab a boat  
And let it float  
What obstacles lie ahead  
Once you've left the start of the watershed?  
Dams, rocks, and riverbeds

Turn around, head back to the cow  
We're on our last phase, what to do now?  
Stand by the tail  
Act like a whale  
Dive downstairs into the dark  
Watch out for a shark!  
Plunge into the shipwreck to look for the treasure  
This is a time for merry pleasure!



# UVM Quest

**Starting Point:** The granite pillar on the south side of the University of Vermont Green, Main Street, Burlington

You want to see someplace great?  
Come explore UVM before it gets late!  
There are many things here made of stone  
Some might be familiar, others unknown  
Ghosts and spirits may wander about  
For this remains their favorite hangout  
Just keep on walking and when you return  
Many things about UVM you will have learned

You are now standing on the University Green  
With several ornamental trees you may never have seen  
Many a purpose has served this ten acres of land  
From pasture to commencement to students suntanned

Look closely at this pillar and you'll find the date  
That UVM was founded and Vermont became a state  
(Write the date here: \_\_\_\_\_)  
This was the first land grant university in the nation  
Helping less affluent students afford graduation

Now head Northeast walk across the grass  
If you see people running, they're late for class  
Stately Elms once graced these long walkways  
Until Dutch elm disease their glory did raze

Go to the closest building with a tower up high  
The view from there is so pretty it could make you cry  
This is the Old Mill and several times it burned  
But the University now has lived and learned

Look in the front there is a stone sphere  
Engraved is UVM's mission, please write it here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nature formed this boulder almost perfectly round  
While building the railroad in Vermont it was found

From the boulder, please head north  
To Williams Hall, you shall go forth  
Find the southern fire escape stair  
Close to terra cotta carvings with lots of flair  
If heights aren't your thing, you might want to stop  
But if you don't mind, then climb to the top



Now that you're here, stop and catch your breath  
We hope that you are not scared to death  
Here is a great view of the University  
A place trying to improve its diversity

You see buildings of different architectural style  
Federal, Victorian, Queen Anne, rank and file  
Look east to a large stone castle of gray  
Built so students would have a place to stay

This is Converse Hall where some say there's a ghost  
Who hanged himself in the attic upon a post  
Henry was his very first name  
Studying medicine was his game  
Academics made him too stressed out  
So now he remains haunting about  
He could not make his feelings go away  
So he let out his anger in the wrong way  
But this was many many years ago  
Students today know where for help to go

If there's a fire, don't panic be calm  
Go back down the stairs and on to the lawn  
Continue North to the ornate building in red  
Where students study and go to be fed

Billings earned money out West during the gold rush  
Then came back to Vermont to donate this building so plush  
First built as a library to hold a special collection  
Now it's a student center for rest or reflection

Walk up the steps look directly above the door  
There are two animals with a nasty rapport  
Write what animal you see here: \_\_\_\_\_  
Take your written word and read it the other way  
Now move one building north to hear what He would say

You may have seen this golden dome before  
But you probably have not thought to explore  
The famous scholar John Dewey lies here  
An educator and philosopher that Vermonters hold dear  
This is Ira Allen Chapel with many a fancy chandelier  
Peek inside but be careful, Dewey might reappear!

Go north around the corner if you're feeling brave  
There you will see John Dewey's grave  
Look behind the stone that commemorates his life  
You will find the treasure box and the end to your strife!