

# MIMI'S TREASURE HUNT

To get there: This Quest begins in front of Thetford Elementary School at the red post.

1. *Go to the blue handicap signs. Look both ways on your way!*
2. *To the flagpole! Across from the pole, see the tallest tree. She is wearing a skirt.*
3. *Go close to the American Elm. Touch her bark.*

Beauty in the sky  
With a skirt as tall as I:  
American Elm.  
- Clara

Look up standing tall  
See me branching out above  
American Elm.  
- Janos

The leaves are so green.  
The leaves are so beautiful.  
Curved and crooked teeth.  
- Caleb

4. *Next, go down the row of trees to the cluster of twenty trunks.*
5. *Look both ways before you cross the street. Use your eyes, your ears, then your feet!*
6. *Go between the American Legion building and the Thetford Hill Post Office. Watch out for the "Lions of Dandy!"*

Friday on the trail  
Raphi ate Dandelion milk...  
It tasted real bad.  
- Gabriel

7. *Look for the chipped wood path. You might notice some of these trees on your right as you continue along our Quest:*

Leaves blow in the air  
Swirling back and forth too  
They are beautiful.  
- Emma

It's small and skinny  
The leaves look like a round spoon  
The tree's bark is small  
- Raphael

On the Mimi Trail  
Bark looks like an elephant  
Look for it on right.  
- Lillian & Lindsay

8. *Follow the wood chips north towards the forest. Before you are there, you will find a sunny field filling up with young white pine trees. We aged them. Some of the trees are 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 years old!*

Tall, still as can be  
With round and cool green needles.  
An awesome white pine!  
- Atticus

Pines are very cool.  
The sharp teeth on my leaf hurts  
Brown-silver-white bark.  
- Regan

It's raining outside.  
It is dark under white pine  
Needles very sharp.  
- Noah

*9. Head to the big rock. Pass through the stone wall into the tall forest. While forty to fifty years ago this was a sunny field, too, now this is a shady forest is filled with grown up white pine trees. We aged them. Some of these trees are approximately 26, 28, 35, 39, 45, 50 and 60 years old!*

The bark on this tree  
Is red and bumpy and hard  
It has no leaves, right?  
- Tyler

Five needle cluster  
Sticky sap on the branches  
Greenish brown smooth bark.  
- Lillian

*10. Do you recall a boulder below a birch with bark so white?  
Look under the boulder – our box is just out of sight.*

Sign in and tell us you were here. Hide the box again for the next visitor!

*This Quest was made by Mrs. Fahey's third grade class in June 2008. Valley Quest is a program of treasure hunts all around the Upper Valley. Look for our new book, Best of Valley Quest, at your local bookstore. And check us out on the web at: <http://www.vitalcommunities.org/valleyquest/valleyquest.htm>. Go out and have an adventure!*