

On your way to the walking bridge  
look for patches of Snake Grass,  
Pull it apart and put it back together again as you bypass.  
Follow the path to the nearest end.

WRITE YOUR ANSWER HERE

Cross the walking bridge -  
this is a great spot to view nature,  
What can you see not an angler?  
Yes, you can see the remains of an old bridge,  
Guess how far across to reach it in yardage.

Count the rocks along the trail,  
On your way into the woods exhale.  
Go until a way you must choose,  
Left is the path to walk and not lose.

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The trail becomes rougher  
as you move along.  
Many things to count  
as birds sing their songs.  
Hidden among plants  
are 4 old wooden posts,  
Look left and then right,  
can you find them both?

Look left and then right, what can you see?  
Count any wildlife, as you shout with glee.  
You are well on your way, so keep up the grin!  
Peer through the leaves you might see some buckskin.

Go through the post on  
the left to find a cut stump  
with a hole in the middle.  
Since you have a photo,  
there will be no riddle.  
In a log that stands up your  
treasure will be,  
Sign the log book  
as you view the beauty.



Please only take one bag of  
corn feed, So others have a  
chance to succeed.  
Return all the items from  
whence you took,  
So others have a chance  
to log in the book.

Your counting day is almost done,  
A new quest stamp has been won!  
Now back to the trail just beyond this spot,  
Circle right 'round the river, back to the parking lot.

What about your numbers, now we're done?  
The counting-box challenge was just for fun!

Don't forget to stop at the zoo,  
to feed the animals with your treasure!  
The Parks & Recreation Department thanks you,  
it was our pleasure.

We hope you had fun, but for now you are done!  
Keep your eyes wide open for the next questing jargon!  
It just may take you deeper into the park,  
Where you will learn more about other landmarks.



If you notice a problem or have suggestions  
for us to improve our questions,  
please feel free to contact us!

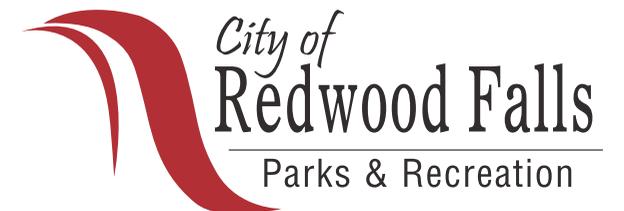
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***Quest***

**WITH ME**





# How to Quest

Quest clues and maps, created by Parks & Recreation Staff, will help you discover the natural and cultural history of Alexander Ramsey Park. At the end of the quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

## The Questing season runs from Mid May - Mid September



### 1, 2, 3 Come Quest with Me

Young children and grownups, enjoy this counting adventure around Alexander Ramsey Park. At 219 acres in size, Alexander Ramsey Park is the largest municipal park in the State of Minnesota. Termed as the "Little Yellowstone of Minnesota," the park is enhanced by 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps shelters and bridges, and picturesque Ramsey Falls. The park serves as a focal point for community events, festivals, and summer activities, and features campground facilities, shelter houses, four miles of paved hiking trails, a DNR trout stream, scenic overlooks, and a zoo.



### Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 60 minutes. These easy, paved and unpaved trails have a slight incline and can be muddy in places. Insect repellent, sun-screen, water bottle, and hiking shoes are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to write your answers and sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker.



## Quest Clues...

Start at the Lower Shelter at Alexander Ramsey Park  
99 E. Oak St., Redwood Falls, MN 56283



Numbers surround us every day,  
So follow this quest and count you may!  
Bring a pencil, crayon, or pen,  
To write numbers in the boxes within.

Start by finding the geology monument near the river,  
Go toward it now and make no mistake either.  
Once you are there, your count begins,  
Read about the geology  
and how high the bank of clay is just for grins.

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Exit the monument, towards the shelter across the parking lot,  
Head straight to the zoo,  
careful as you go, as you are in earshot.  
Go to the duck pond; find 2 different colors of beaks,  
Watch each feather friend's behavior  
and listen closely as each one speaks.

Look for the Lady Amherst Pheasant,  
You have sleuth skills like Sherlock!

*(The Lady Amherst's Pheasant, Chrysolophus Amherstiae, is a bird of the order Galliformes and the family Phasianidae. The name commemorates Sarah Countess Amherst, wife of William Pitt Amherst, Governor General of Bengal, who was responsible for sending the first specimen of the bird to London in 1828.)*



Do you see a large bird of color  
that has many eyes?  
Count how many you see  
to your surprise!

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There are many species of deer that have antlers.  
Count how many points you see on your fingers.

The zoo area is a fun place to be,  
What other animals do you see?

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Don't forget to say HI to Auggie the prairie dog,  
on your way to the elk and buffalo pen.

Count the number of buffalo you see,  
now on to the next and do the same again.

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The elk is one of the largest species of deer,  
You can tell which is the male,  
They display their antlers that shed each year.

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Walk down the river walk to the swaybacked bridge,  
Count your steps when you cross,  
As you stop to gain knowledge.  
The bridge was built in 1938 using local granite,  
Now stand quietly to hear the river's spirit.



Note another piece of park history,  
Is hiking the area on 217 acres of beauty.  
Did you know this is the largest municipal park?  
Redwood takes great pride in this earmark.

Look left to see 2 trees standing in the water all alone,  
Now look right to see Girl Scout Island now unknown.  
Continue your count to the other-side,  
Now take a left onto the path with a big stride.

While on this path bear left into the woods and look around.  
Do you see something almost chewed down?  
Continue on down trail 1 with eyes open wide,  
Keeping water on your left side.

At the Fishing Pier, take a rest,  
Sit back and relax to look  
at the river you are impressed!  
The DNR stock the river  
with a minimum of 400  
German Brown Trout  
Do you see any fish  
below that may hangout?

