



**HI I'M PERCY THE PELICAN!
WELCOME TO THE
HAMMOND COASTAL TRAIL BIKE QUEST!**

HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between numbered stops to discover this historic coastal rail-trail. Interpretive signs along the way provide more information. Along the way are hidden **Quest Clues** ~ “keys” to your prize. You must know them to redeem your prize; write them in the Quest Clues section.



QUEST INFORMATION:

Start: Hiller Park, 675 Hiller Rd., McKinleyville

Contact: Humboldt County Office of Education

Quest Name: Hammond Coastal Trail Bike Quest

Total Length: 2.6 miles roundtrip

Difficulty: Easy: Flat pavement & gravel

Driving Directions:

From the NORTH: Take the Murray Road exit off 101. Turn right onto McKinleyville Avenue. Turn right onto Hiller Road and right into the park on Fischer Avenue.

From the SOUTH: Take the School Road exit off 101. Turn left onto Washington Avenue. Turn left onto Hiller Road and right into the park on Fischer Avenue.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Take photos anywhere along the trail and post with hashtag **#hammondcoastaltrail**.

- BIKE SAFETY TIPS:**
- Helmets are required for youth under 18 and strongly recommended for adults
 - Ride only on the right-hand side of the trail
 - Leave the distance of a ‘ghost bike rider’ between bikes in your group to avoid contact
 - Verbally announce the need to stop before slowing down and stopping
 - Pull your bike off the trail and come to a complete stop at each Quest stop

ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:
Register your clues on the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we will mail you your patch.

WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?

The journey you’ve just completed is one of many Redwood EdVentures Quests. Find Quest locations and download free copies at www.redwood-edventures.org. Teachers, students, and families can also explore hundreds of outdoor places and educational opportunities on the beautiful Redwood Coast. Find out why **nature is closer than you think!**



THINGS I SAW ALONG THE WAY...



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HAMMOND COASTAL TRAIL



HILLER PARK BIKE QUEST



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LOOK FOR QUEST CLUES! MANY STOPS HAVE NEARBY ITEMS TO SPOT AND RECORD, THE FIRST ONE IS ON THE BROWN MILEAGE MARKER, TO THE RIGHT OF THE TRAIL ENTRY KIOSK,

**QUEST CLUE:
HOW MANY MILES IS IT TO CLAM BEACH?
(WRITE IT IN THE QUEST CLUE ANSWER BOX ON THE RIGHT)**



**THIS QUEST CAN ALSO BE DONE ON YOUR PHONE!
POINT YOUR CAMERA AT THIS QR CODE TO START,**

Requires internet connection; data usage fees may apply.

Your first stop is here at the wood kiosk and trail entrance.

- 1 You are about to journey along the California Coastal Trail, It follows the Mad River and old Hammond lumber rail. It will link 1,200 miles of coast when finally complete, For trail users to enjoy by wheel, hoof, shoe and bare feet.



Look for this trail insignia.

Begin riding along the trail, passing the treatment ponds of the McKinleyville Community Services District on your left. Stop at the small bridge and bench on the right.

- 2 This little waterway is headed for the sea, It's the part of a watershed called a tributary. It will soon join the Mad River just beyond the trees, In a place where fresh water mixes with salt called an estuary.

Continue riding until you see wood steps on your right; they're easy to miss! You will be in the shade of towering trees.

- 3 You are riding through a coastal forest, Spruce, Alder and Pine are trees you see the most. Find and feel the papery Sitka Spruce cones at your feet, These trees live within 50 miles of the coast.



Continue riding until you come to Knox Cove Drive. Carefully cross the street and stay on the trail, passing by one of several homes that gives this area the name 'The Castles.' Pass the first bench (in front of the 'castle' home) and stop at the next bench with an overlook, on your left.



- 4 Marine life thrives in the Mad River estuary, This safe 'bed and breakfast' is like a nursery. This coastal habitat is home for birds and mammals, Fish and aquatic critters too; can you spot any animals?

**QUEST CLUE:
TO WHOM WAS THIS BENCH DEDICATED?**

Continue riding and stop where the pavement meets the gravel trail at the foot of Murray Road. Stop #5 is at the bench and sign above the steps down to the estuary.

- 5 These steps lead down to the estuary below, You can explore around if the tide is low Harbor seals and waterbirds are a common sight, One hauls out on beaches, the other takes flight.

**QUEST CLUE:
WHAT ANIMAL IS SHOWN IN THE CIRCLE ON BOTTOM LEFT OF SIGN PANEL?**

Notes: Learn about the tidal inlet and seals from the interpretive sign; keep bikes secured while exploring.

Continue riding just a short bit further along the trail. Stop when you come to the exposed rails and railroad crossing sign on your left.

- 6 Imagine the logging trains that once ran over these rails, The Hammond Lumber Company is the namesake of this trail. Redwood was hauled to the Samoa sawmill until 1945, When the railway trestles were burned in a wildfire.

**QUEST CLUE:
WHAT DOES THE PLAQUE ON THE GREEN BENCH SAY?**



Get back on your bike and ride the gravelly trail to its end, just before it turns sharply and winds steeply uphill. Stop at this turnaround point. You can take the trail down to explore (keep bikes secured).

- 7 You stand at the edge of a riparian zone Water-loving plants that make a habitat home Willows and alders take root in cool, moist ground, Look for these clues on the trees or lying around:



Alder Tree



Willow Tree

**QUEST CLUE:
WHAT TRAIL IS JUST AHEAD?
FIND THE ANSWER ON THE BROWN SIGN TUCKED INTO THE TREES AT THIS TURNAROUND POINT,**

You have reached the end of the Quest and turnaround point. Be sure to record all your Quest Clue Answers!

WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE ANSWERS HERE;

Starting Quest Clue (# miles to Clam Beach)

Stop 4 Clue: To whom the bench was dedicated

Stop 5 Clue: Animal featured on sign panel

Stop 6 Clue: What the bench plaque says

Stop 7 Clue: What kind of trail is just ahead?