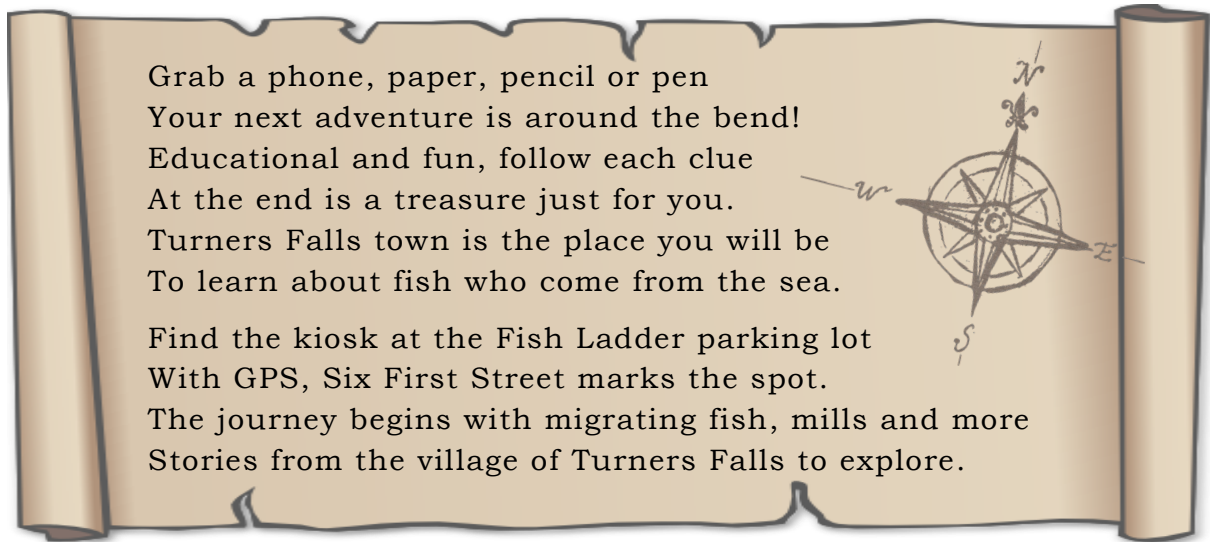


# Fishway Quest



**Walk past the small**                                     **and head right to a two-trunked tree,**  
 #1    #2    #3    #4

**Stop at the fence , look to the building corner you see.**

**Count seven**                                                                **and look down.**  
 #5    #6    #7    #8    #9    #10    #11



**Congratulations on the treasure you have found!**

In Barton Cove on an island to the east  
 The river is filled with fish upon which to feast.  
 Here, eagles have nested since 1989  
 Migrating fish, a spring treat, upon which they dine.  
 The river's food web is apparent here  
 How many chicks were fed in the 2011<sup>th</sup> year?

                            
 #9

*Walk towards the river along the paved path  
 Stop at the fenced gate before taking a bath.  
 Next year we look forward to welcoming you  
 to our windows with migrating fish to view.*

Enter through the Fishway gate in the spring  
 To see what life in the river will bring.  
 Migrating lamprey and American shad  
 Swimming upriver to become mom or dad.  
 Viewing windows inside allow all to see  
 These traveling fish returning from the sea.

The Fishway is open :                   to                    
 #7



*Walk along the paved path under the bridge of green,  
 Over the canal bridge where flowing water is seen.*

*Turn right past the canal, follow the fence to your goal  
 Stopping next to a tall wooden pole.*

Dropping 40 feet tumbling over islands of stone  
 During a spring freshet rattles you to the bone.  
 For thousands of years at the base of Great Falls  
 Native people fished below giant rock walls.  
 Caught with weirs and nets and skills that were learned  
 Smoked and dried shad was the prize that they earned.

*Before walking towards the canal that makes power  
 Look east towards the bridge supported by green towers.  
 Count two poles on the fence in a straight line  
 Stop where you see the Spillway Ladder sign.*

To bypass the dam, shad and sea lamprey  
 Swim up the ladder, filled with water night and day.  
 Each ladder step, one foot higher than the last  
 Swimming up 42 steps, the dam they have passed.  
 Under the brick gatehouse, out the top of the ladder  
 Finding a place to spawn is all that matters.

Letter color on the brown Spillway Fish Ladder sign

                                                       
 #5 & #10

Cross back over the canal built for power  
Turn right on the path, stop across from the cement tower.



In between the canal and the river below  
Was the John Russell Cutlery mill, long ago.  
Producing knives famous the world around  
Built with machines, powered by water falling down.

Continue down the paved path to the next brick mill  
Framed in the background by Canada Hill.  
Look for a very tall metal pole  
On it a safety sign is your next goal.

What is the first word on the top line  
that you will find on this safety sign?

\_\_\_\_\_ #4 #1  
& #8 & 11



Return back towards the canal bridge, turn right up the hill  
Search for a building with stone window sills.  
Beautiful, detailed brickwork on your right  
Large arched windows should be in your sight.

A place to build and fix machinery  
Once part of Montague Paper Company.  
Famous for newsprint shipped all over the place  
A mill complex, taking five acres of space.  
These village mills thrived for many a year  
When they closed there was shed a quiet tear.

Number of panes in each window?

\_\_\_\_\_ #6



Continue up the path past circles of cement  
on your left is a grove of birch and branches bent.  
Look towards the corner of Second Street and Avenue A  
Before you is open space where children might play.

A hotel built in 1872  
Here you could eat, sleep and get a drink, too!  
The site of a hotel long gone, no clues will you find  
There once was a large Grand Trunk Hotel sign.  
Forty rooms to stay on the top three floors  
Bank and barber shop through the street level door.

Turn towards the river and enjoy the view  
The number of blue-gray benches is your clue.

\_\_\_\_\_ #2



Head to the sidewalk with your back to the river  
Walk south along the cement sidewalk sliver.  
Past the site of lodging where travelers stayed  
To the Crocker Building built of bricks laid.

With dreams of building a brand new city  
For mills to make paper, cotton and cutlery.  
Mills famous for newsprint shipped to New York  
And first-class cutlery, knives, spoon and fork.  
The site of two banks bearing his name  
Alvah Crocker of Turners Falls fame.

How many vertical lines are carved on each column wall  
Above the raised motifs found on them all?

\_\_\_\_\_ #3



Head back towards the river for your last clue  
To a quaint red building with trim painted blue.

Your last stop is a very special place  
Inside are watershed dioramas filling the space.  
A life-size moose, migrating shad and more  
Can all be found through their front door.  
Visiting the Great Falls Discovery Center is free  
So far this year they are closed temporarily.

It's time to use the letters you have found  
To find the treasure be sure to look down.  
Celebrate the village stories you have learned  
Look inside to find the stamp you have earned!

