

**HI, I'M SLICK THE BANANA SLUG!  
WELCOME TO FORT HUMBOLDT  
STATE HISTORIC PARK!**

**QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:**

**Start:** At the "A Clash of Cultures" sign near the restrooms.

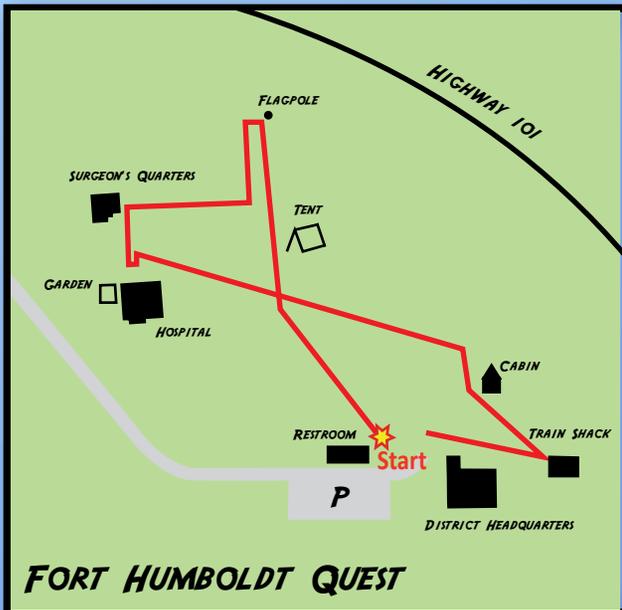
**Contact:** North Coast Redwoods District Office (open M-F) (707) 445-6547  
www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=665

**Total Length:** ~0.5 mile loop / ~30 minute

**Difficulty:** Easy (mostly level)

**Driving Directions:**

Fort Humboldt State Historic Park (3431 Fort Ave, Eureka) is located just off HWY 101 on the south end of Eureka. From Broadway (HWY 101) turn east onto Highland St., across from Marie Callender's restaurant. Continue one block until you see the Fort Humboldt sign where you will turn left up the driveway. Follow the driveway to the parking lot.



**HOW TO QUEST:**

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the cultural treasures within this park. At your final stop you will find your Quest Clue, this is the "key" to your prize (see below for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

**NOW THAT YOU 'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:**

Go ahead and return to the parking lot. Pass the Visitor's Center and take a left. Enter the **District Office** and present your quest clue to receive your prize. If the office is closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

**WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?**

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# REDWOOD EDVENTURES QUEST

FORT HUMBOLDT STATE HISTORIC PARK



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## HISTORY ADVENTURE

Begin this quest at the "A Clash of Cultures" sign near the restrooms



# FOLLOW JOHNNY THE SURGEON'S SON AS HE PLAYS AT FORT HUMBOLDT 'TIL DAY IS DONE

1 Oh! New friends! Come and see,  
How life at the Fort used to be.  
I stayed four years atop this hill,  
We'll have some fun here, yes we will.

*Come on you all, there's lots to share,  
See the tent in the field? I'll meet you there!*

2 Here is where dozens of tents once stood,  
I talked to the soldiers as often as I could.  
A mountain man lived near named Seth Kinman,  
We'd listen to his stories over and over again.

*Hurry you all, there's more to see!  
To the flag pole, come and follow me!*

3 Look out to the bay, what do you see?  
Many things have changed since 1853.  
You're looking down at the old town Bucksport-  
It had a church, saloon, hotel and a big wharf!

*Go back a few steps and past the hedge to my house,  
Ma's practicing her music, so be quiet as a mouse!*

4 What a surprise Ma got me new shoes!  
"Now eat your cabbage," I'll still refuse.  
After lunch I'd follow Pa on his daily rounds,  
He'd tend injured soldiers on the fort's grounds.

*From the porch look to your right.  
The Fort's garden will be in sight.*

5 Ma liked to grow flowers, it reminded her of home,  
I dug for slugs and moles wherever they roamed.  
We grew herbs and plants, Pa said they helped cure the sick  
There also was Johnny Jump Up which I loved to pick!

*Take twenty steps to the west and look north to the huge log,  
Cut across the field, keep a steady jog.*

6 Woah! Look at this! A cut down tree!  
Is it bigger than you? Was it bigger than me?  
Guess the height of this downed redwood  
How many feet do you think it stood?

*I'm not to go near the men in the logging cabin,  
But let's run over and see what trouble they're in!*

7 Here is where six loggers loudly slept,  
All of their things messily kept.  
They worked twelve hours every day,  
Into Bucksport they'd spend their pay.

*Onto the train shack around the back,  
Just follow up the railroad track.*

8 The railroad stretched up and down the bay,  
You can ride the train even to this day.  
These trains carried tons of giant redwood,  
I couldn't carry a tree, but the big trains could!

*To the start of the quest we must all go back,  
Look under some trees, for the rock with a plaque.*



9 Humboldt ladies saved the Fort as a monument,  
To a Civil War hero who would become president.  
General Grant was stationed here for a short time,  
He returned East and began his professional climb.

10 Go back to where the train is ridden,  
There you'll find a phrase that's hidden.  
You might be asking yourself, "Where?"  
I'll give you a hint- look under the railing  
by the stairs!

*Now that the Fort has been explored,  
Go to the park headquarters for your reward.*

**WRITE YOUR  
QUEST CLUE HERE:**

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