HI, I'M GRETA THE GREAT EGRET!
WELCOME TO ARCATA MARSH AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY!

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary
Quest Trail Information:
Start: Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G Street, Arcata.
Contact: (707) 826-2359
http://www.cityofarcata.org/
Total Length: 1 mile loop/ ~1 hour
Difficulty: Easy (mostly level gravel path)
Driving Directions:
From the south, from Highway 101 take the Samoa Boulevard (Route 255) Exit. Cross over the freeway, then turn left onto G Street and park at the Interpretive Center parking lot on the right.
From the north, from Highway 101 take either Samoa Boulevard (Route 255) Exit (see G Street turns above) or take South G Street Exit and watch for the parking lot on the left.

HOW TO QUEST:
You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (italicized) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural and cultural treasures within this area. At your final destination you will find your Quest Clue; this is the "key" to your prize! (See the "Now that you've finished..." section for your next step.) Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

Now that you've finished your quest:
Return to the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (open 9-5 Tues-Sun, and 1-5 Mon.) by continuing down the path or go to the Recreation Office at Arcata City Hall (736 F St, Arcata; open M-F 9-5).
There you will display your final clue and receive your prize. If these sites are closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

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March Madness Quest
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Begin this quest at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center.

Find a multi-layered puzzle that depicts Humboldt Bay’s change over time.

1. Play this game just for fun. You will see when you’re done. How the marsh was tamed when the people came.

2. The Interpretive Center used to go. By another name... it was the plywood mill. Now they’re one and the same! A forest of dead trees still standing upright. Used to be the sawmill’s site.

3. You flush it down and now you can see. This is where your waste will be. Where it is filtered with glee, First mechanically then, naturally by the marsh, Before returning to bay and sea.

4. His name is Dr. Harris and he’s just like you and me. He’s an expert in ecology and also ornithology (study of birds). Although, this No-Name Pond belongs to him. He must have named it on a whim.

5. In Klopp Lake otters play, on a bright and sunny day, While a cloud of shorebirds rise, Pretending to be large, hiding from raptor’s eyes.

6. Out in the bay, can you see it out there? The eroding remains of a rail so rare. The engine that pulled it is not what you think. A horse named Spanking Fury was its locomotive link.

7. Many people are aware that the marsh is a great place. But, beware! You may find more than cattails there. This marsh is a mound of garbage in the ground. The garbage is covered evermore. We call it Mount Trashmore.

8. The Allen Marsh was named after our dear friend George Allen who had the idea of recycling wastewater by the gallon. Now pay attention! This gets tricky! Continue along the trail. At the tracks, partly onto the road you go. Cross over the tracks and right back on the trail you go. Stop on the bridge.

9. At the edge of the bay, salt and fresh water meet. For plants to live here is quite a feat. They spend half the time covered in salty water. Then low tide comes and suddenly it’s hotter!

10. Herons and egrets can be quite picky. Living in wetlands suits them best. Put on your thinking cap this might get tricky. How many species of herons and egrets can you rest? Write down the number below, this is your Quest Clue.

Now that the marsh has been explored continue around the path and soon you’ll be at the Interpretive Center where you can claim your reward!

WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE HERE: