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

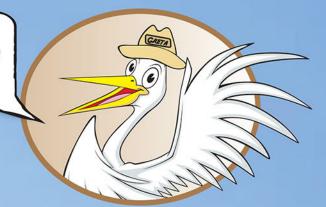
Difficulty: Easy (mostly level gravel path)

**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.

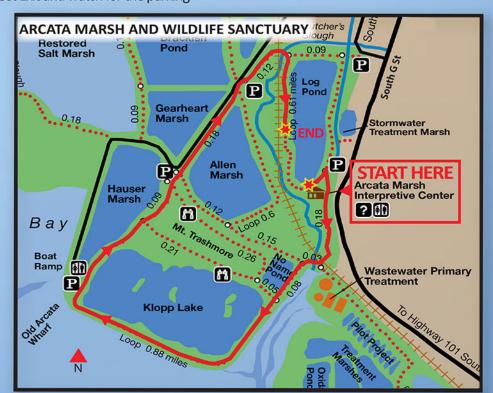
**From the north,** from Highway 101 take either Samoa Boulevard (Route 255) Exit (see G Street turns above) or take South G Street Exit and watch for the parking

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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MARSH MADNESS
QUEST

### Begin this quest at the **Arcata Marsh Interpretive** Center.

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

> / Play this game just for fun You will see when you're done How the marsh was tamed When the people came.

Next go back towards the parking lot, Across the slough (side canal) take a right On the pebble path and find a place to sit And rest while you contemplate this quest.

> 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.

Continue south across the track there you'll find the orange sock clue don't slack!

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.

Now cross the bridge and make a left To find the sign on your right, You'll need to be deft!

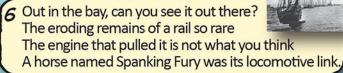
# DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE ARCATA MARSH AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY!

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.

Follow the slough on your left towards the bay, Stop at the sign where Godwit's play.

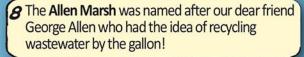
5 In Klopp Lake otters play, on a bright and sunny day, While a cloud of shorebirds rise, Pretending to be large, hiding from raptor's eyes.

Continue along the trail, until you see the E Clampus Vitus plaque about a rail.



Retrace your steps. Then down the stairs on your left, follow the lake shore, go up the hill and stop at the field to learn more.

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.



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!

> Continue down the trail you're almost there, Veer to the right at the intersection. Stop at the heron sign if you dare...

/O 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 come here to 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:

