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The <u>Hubbard Valley</u> portion of your adventure starts in the parking lot located at 8600 Hubbard Valley Rd., Seville, OH. An approximate 1.25-mile round-trip hike will be required to complete this leg of the journey. The posted coordinates are for the parking lot. Follow the written directions to retrieve important information which will allow you to locate and open the container to collect your Passport code word and sign the log book.

Begin your adventure in the parking lot. Take the paved trail northward (to the right from the parking lot) past the small picnic area until you reach a fork.

Take the left fork and walk until you reach a bridge. Cross the bridge and curve to the right on the path. Perhaps pause to take a picture here or sit a spell on the bench. This area is very scenic and is one of our favorite spots.

Follow the dirt path until you reach an intersection where you will turn left to follow the Trillium Trail (blue trail). In about 200 ft. you will reach a small bridge next to a large tree stump. This will let you know that you are heading in the correct direction. Follow the trail past the "Marry Me" tree. It will eventually turn to the right.

Proceed up the slight hill. The lake will be on your left. When you reach the third bridge, you will be getting close to your destination. Look for the "eye of the needle" tree on the left side of the trail and then the tree marked by the "STORM." Look a few feet behind that tree for a pile of sticks and search there for the container.

To unlock the container, you need to find the four directions for the code for the lock. The bees on the box will tell you what you need to know. Move the lock button in the four directions to unlock. Open the box and collect your Passport code word. Please lock the box before putting it back.

Once you have collected your Passport code word, you can continue on the blue trail as it crosses over the spillway and around the lake, or retrace your steps back the way you came to reach the parking lot.

The container is located within mere feet of the trail. Use stealth while searching and re-hide the container so that it cannot be seen to avoid potential vandalism. Park closes at dark.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the boxes in this series, please contact Shelley Tender at 330.239.4814 or <u>stender@medinaco.org</u>.

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