Welcome to the estuary known as Kilchis Point Reserve. An estuary is a place where freshwater, such as a river, meets the saltwater ocean. Kilchis Point is 200 acres in size, and 33 percent of it is wetland. Wetlands protect us from flooding and produce habitat for wildlife.

One-third of the world’s endangered species depend on wetlands. Wetlands also provide us with an opportunity to observe and enjoy nature. They are home to plants and animals that form ecosystems. There are three trails here:

- Flora and Fauna
- Native American Heritage
- Pioneer Settlements

This Quest focuses on the Flora and Fauna of Kilchis Point. Each instruction refers to a sign title which will help you find a clue. **All of the Quest clues are in signs**, but not all of the signs have Quest clues.
Use this map to help you solve the Quest. Follow the directions and collect the letter clues to fill the numbered squares on the last page of this Quest. The message you complete will help you find the hidden Quest box.

**Let’s begin!**

*Start at the kiosks across from the bathrooms.*

**You are a Visitor in Cougar Habitat**

Do not run. Make yourself look BIG. Back away _ _ _ _ _ _.

The letter used twice in the missing word is clue #7 and #19.

**Kilchis Point is Black Bear Country**

Do not run, fight back _ _ _ _ _ eye contact. Give the bear space when its cub is near it. The first letter of the missing word is clue #22.

**Flora and Fauna Trail**

Fauna is to animals as flora is to _ _ _ _ _ _.

The first letter of the missing word is clue #6 and #21.

**Follow the brick path down the trail.**

**You Can Make a Difference at Home**

Recycle. Plant a native garden. Conserve _ _ _ _ _ _.

The fifth letter of the missing word is clue #2 and #11.

**Invasive Plants**

Himalayan blackberry was imported. English ivy was imported for ground cover. Scotch _ _ _ _ _ _ was imported to stabilize sand dunes. The last letter of the missing word is clue #15.
The Importance of Estuaries
An estuary is a place where freshwater from rivers and streams meets the _ _ _ _ water from the ocean or bay. The first letter of the missing word is clue #5.

Native Ferns in the Tidal Spruce Forest
Sword ferns live in all types of soil. Deer ferns prefer shade. _ _ _ _ ferns can grow six feet tall. The third letter of the missing word is clue #17 and #18.

Mammals at Kilchis Point
Little brown bats are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , which means active at night. American beaver is the largest rodent in North America. The letter used twice in the missing word is clue #13.

Now that you have collected all your letter clues, use the message to help you find the hidden Quest Box. Check your map. If you go a little farther on the trail, it splits into two. Take the left Native American Trail back towards where you began your Quest. After you pass the circle, use your hidden message to find the box.

Remember, the box will be in a place where only Questers will find it!
Fill in the boxes with the answers to the clues to solve the Quest.

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When you’ve found the Quest Box, sign your name and stamp the back of your book to mark your accomplishment. Don’t forget to seal the box tightly and return it to its hiding place for the next person to find!

If you enjoyed this Quest, check out The Oregon Coast Quest Book, which contains maps and directions for this Quest and 26 other clue-directed hunts across seven counties.

For information about where Quests are located and where to find a Quest Book, visit https://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/quests.