

Wolcott Water Walk

To begin: From VT Route 15 in Wolcott, turn onto Flat Iron Road. You can begin the quest at the intersection of School Hill Road and Flat Iron Road.

Begin at the bottom of School Hill,

Follow Flat Iron Rd. past four houses on the right then stop and stand still.

Stand in the break in the guard rail,

And look at the Lamoille River to hear our tale.

Up in Wheelock at a pond called Horse,

The Lamoille River has its source.

Elephants in Wolcott, who would have thought?

But this is where a circus truck once got caught!

Look out at the river and see where the old bridge once stood,

This was old Route 15, it wasn't very good.

Gruesome in winter, the old road was narrow and curvy,

There were lots of accidents, leaving cars and that circus truck topsy-turvy.

Now walk downstream on the street,

Stop at the red pipe where the firefighters meet.

Look back at the river and if you have some luck,

You just might see a duck.

A bigger bridge now crosses the Lamoille,

To build it they blasted away 75 feet of rock and soil.

Now keep going until you see a big red house.

Take little steps like a mouse,

Closer to the river's edge but don't fall in,

Now you will see another river entering in.

Here you see the Elmore Branch joining the Lamoille River,

Water coming down from the Woodbury Mountains, so cold it will make you shiver.

The cold water is loved by the trout,
During spawning season they head up this route.

Follow the road around the curve,
Keep going to the stop sign if you have the nerve.
Hang a right at the sign and onto E Elmore Rd.,
Step onto the little bridge, it can handle the load.

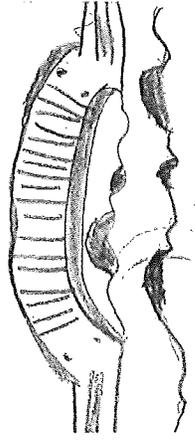
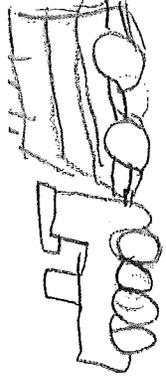
Now if you look to your right and observe,
You'll see that the river's been straightened, it has no curve.
The river was channelized in the past,
This was done to help make the fields last.

Now walk along the Elmore Branch into the ball field,
Follow it to the far right corner and keep your eyes peeled.
Look back at the confluence, where the two rivers meet,
The view from here really can't be beat.

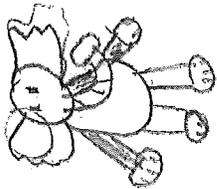
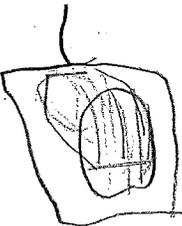
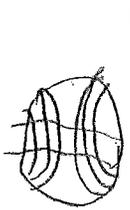
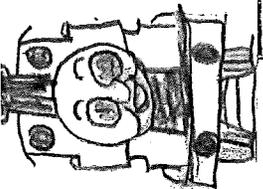
When a river is straightened the water cuts deep,
Which makes the banks extra steep.

Now follow the buffer between the field and the Lamoille,
Here the trees and bushes hold onto the soil,
Go past the sandpit and the little playground,
Behind the basketball hoop, a trail will be found.

Here take a last look at the river that ends in Lake Champlain,
We hope you liked our quest, if not don't complain.
Look for a sign about snot that grows on rocks,
Under that sign you might find a box.



WATER



Lamoille

Elmore Branch



ROCK SNOT

