

Victoria Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt - Printable Version

For May 22nd – June 5th, 2020

Explore these clues and submit a photo, story, or video to us about your experience or something you discovered on this Scavenger Hunt challenge. **Submissions can be sent to us by filling out the short activity form on the GVCC website under ‘themed rides’ or via Facebook and Instagram by tagging us at @biketoworkvic or #yyjbike!** With every submission, you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a gift card for take-out food from a local restaurant or bike shop near you. Prizes for this Oak Bay challenge will be mailed to draw winners on May 20th.

Activities are designed with adult supervision in mind. Before undertaking any outdoor activities, please be sure to follow the latest COVID-19 Provincial Support and Information.

Clues:

1. A cemetery with notable interments including Emily Carr and 12 former BC Premiers.
2. The world’s tallest freestanding totem pole. A 173-ft. totem pole with carved Kwakwaka’wakw figures, including a bear, a whale, & the Sun Man.
3. New car-free areas in and around Beacon Hill Park.
4. The house of the first doctor in Victoria, John Helmecken, supposedly one of the most haunted places in Victoria.
5. A large downtown theatre, visible from a protected bike lane, originally run by theatre magnate Alexander Pantages. The theatre was part of one of North America’s most important Vaudeville circuits in the 1910s and 20s.
6. A bicycle counter.
7. The highest point of land on the south coast of Vancouver Island. The sight of a weather station for 75 years which is now a heritage building
8. A castle built for the wealthy industrialist Robert Dunsmuir between 1887 and 1890, now a popular tourist destination.
9. A 91-year-old 175 seat community theatre.
10. A bridge which was initially constructed in the early 1920s before being recently replaced and reopened in 2018, which now has devoted 50% of its deck space to pedestrians and cyclists.
11. A small island which was the site of a first nations burial ground, sadly desecrated by vandals in the 1860s. Visible from a popular multi-use path and near the site of a BTWW Celebration Station
12. An urban farm located in Docksider Green, which hosts a market at the end of the Galloping Goose trail.
13. A large cathedral. The City of Victoria has several imposing Cathedrals, with stained glass windows, large towers, and impressive stone architecture. Spot one on your bike ride!
14. The Victoria Coast Guard Station.