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Welcome All Scavenger Hunters!

Have you read every book in the house? Watched all the episodes of your favourite TV shows? Looked at your bicycle and wished you could go on an adventure? Well, we've got a fun-filled neighbourhood scavenger hunt just for you!

The Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition and Bike to Work Society are offering a series of Scavenger Hunts, Discovery Rides, and Ride-the-Distance Rides for neighbourhoods across the Greater Victoria region. These activity series will be happening from May to August 2020. Every two weeks, two new scavenger hunts challenges will be released for two new neighbourhoods. The Fairfield/Rockland Scavenger Hunt will be released on Tuesday, June 30th. Story entries will be due two week later on June 30th. These neighbourhood challenges are designed for all-ages and aim to bring some competitive fun and exploration into your life!

How to play the game:

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 Fairfield/Rockland challenge will be mailed to draw winners on June 30th.

Why ride right now?

Studies have shown that cycling helps to reduce stress, boost the immune system, and stay physically active. Cycling is also an excellent way to get to know your neighbourhood during this time while practicing physical-distancing.



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Clues

- 1.** Located in Rockland at 1040 Moss Street, this art gallery and museum was established in 1946 as the Little Centre in downtown. Today, the Gallery has almost 20,000 pieces and is the largest public collection of art in B.C. What does the mural on Moss Street say?
- 2.** Have you ever noticed the Giant Sequoia tree on the corner of Richardson Road and Moss Street towering over an old yellow character home? This tree is known as the Old Ben Mosser and is now considered a Nature Preserve. Where in North America did the grandparent seeds of this tree originate?
- 3.** A National Historic Site located in Rockland, this Victorian castle is “a shining example of a ‘bonanza castle’ – massive houses built for entrepreneurs who became wealthy during the industrial age. What is the last name of the family who built this castle?
- 4.** “Government House is the office and official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. This summer, Government House is also one of the 30 community partners that has joined the City of Victoria in the ‘Get Growing, Victoria’ free food seedlings distribution program to support communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.” Ride over to this house and enjoy the Victorian Rose Gardens growing here.
- 5.** A not-so-mossy street market in Rockland/Fairfield that hosts over vendors every Saturday in the spring and summer months. Ride over to this market area, what is the name of the school for which the market is located?

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- 6.** This seaside cemetery is home to tombstones and burials of many famous Canadians and Americans including Sir James Douglas (B.C.'s first governor), Robert Dunsmuir (built the Craigdarroch Castle), and Emily Carr (worldfamous artist). Find the tombstone with a poem written by a black pioneer and the Japanese memorial.
- 7.** This mossy green space overlooking Clover Point Park, also known as Fairfield Hill Park, is home to an impressive display of wildflowers in the spring including camas, Nootka rose, and honeysuckle.
- 8.** This park was once owned by the Canada Department of Defense and leased to the City for use as a park until 1988 when ownership was transferred to the City of Victoria. Today, this grassy seaside, clover-covered area is undergoing development to become the Clover Point Pump Station for a new Wastewater Treatment Project.
- 9.** Tucked away along the shoreline below Dallas Road is Spiral Beach. The easiest way to get down to these beaches carefully with your bicycle is to walk it along the boat ramp at Clover Point.
- 10.** Carved by a team led by Mungo Martin, Kwakwaka'wakw chief and renowned carver, this totem was built with cedar from Sooke and overlooks the Salish Sea. Ride over to this totem and note the carved animal second from the totem's base.
- 11.** This children's park zoo began in 1889 with the first animals being six deer, a bear, a wolf, sheep, and an eagle among others. Ride over to this park petting zoo and see how many peacocks you can spot. Be respectful of these beautiful creatures, please keep your distance and do not harass them.

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- 13.** If you've never tried Ethiopian Food, now is your chance. Messob Ethiopian Cuisine is located in Cook Street Village and offers a delicious selection of vegetarian and meat options for anyone looking to try something new. What colours are the three colours on the sign?
- 14.** Located on Humboldt Street, this building, like many rural French Canadian churches it is modeled after, has an ornate altar and ceiling carvings, gold-leaf detailing, original oil paintings, stained glass windows, and a 1913 Casavant pipe organ"



Reminder: These activities are taking place on the unceded territories of the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ Nations.

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