

Hillside/Quadra Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt - Printable Version

For June 6th – June 19th, 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 North Saanich challenge will be mailed to draw winners on June 19th 2020.

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. The Lochside trail passes over a beautiful marshland in the heart of Greater Victoria, home to a diverse set of native plants and animals. Over 40-years of habitat restoration have gone into this site following damage by farm and sewer runoff. Birds native to the park include Towhees, Swallows, Barred Owls, and, more occasionally, Hawks and Ospreys. How many different bird species can you see from the Lochside trail overlook?
2. This recycled bicycle shop seems to be at the perfect location at the intersection of the Lochside and Galloping Goose trails. The shop offers refurbished bike sales, bike repair and education, as well as a number of bike art pieces. Check out some of the paintings on the side of this shop as you pedal past.
3. A small Saanich park, named for a local mountain, which features both a pickleball court and tennis court. The District of Saanich has recently opened tennis courts while playgrounds remain closed at the time of this writing due to COVID-19.
4. A “take a book, leave a book” library in a local Saanich park.
Hint: This larger park also features a tennis court.
5. A Weeping Willow tree in that same park.
Hint: this park is located along Cloverdale Ave.
6. Find a green “bike route” sign. These are found on quieter side streets like Graham Road or more unlikely places such as along busy Blanshard Street. These designated bike routes include, according to UBC’s Cycling in Cities research; “Bike signage on the street surface or on posts, indicating designated bike route; and may have bicyclist operated traffic signals at intersections with major streets.” Based on this research in Vancouver and Toronto, bike routes have less collisions associated with them than streets with no bike infrastructure and even, surprisingly, than multi-use pathways.

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7. The Galloping Goose trail features a lot of stunning artwork, though this mural on the underside of a road that cyclists and pedestrians pass under might be the most impressive. Designed by Métis artist Frank Lewis in 1997, and restored in 2006, the mural depicts two people reaching out to each other with their hands nearly touching over the trail.
8. Located near charming Quadra Village, the most recent addition to this beautiful Garden Commons was a pollinator habitat garden, which includes native plants that support a healthy and diverse pollinator population.
9. This notable movie theatre opened in 1949 with a showing of *This Time For Keeps* starring Esther Williams. A community theatre group that focuses on fostering community spirit now uses the theatre.
10. This Sikh Temple, standing in front of Jackalope meadows and near Summit Park, was originally built in 1912. Sikh's became part of the Victoria community following the arrival of the first Indian immigrants in 1904. The opening of this Sikh temple was accompanied by a massive parade of 1,200 Sikhs through downtown. 100th anniversary celebrations in 2012 included a visit by the BC Premier and the Federal Immigration Minister to recognize the pioneer Sikh families of early Victoria.
11. Situated on a hill in Oaklands, this Jewish Cemetery is the oldest non-indigenous cemetery in continuous use in Western Canada, and was consecrated in 1860 following the arrival of the first Jewish settlers to Victoria in 1858. A Uvic course, begun in 2015, includes field work at the cemetery which has been able to reveal inscriptions on older gravestones which had been rendered ineligible over time.