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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 hunt challenges will be released for two new neighbourhoods. The Oak Bay Scavenger Hunt will be released on Friday, May 22nd. Story entries will be due two weeks later on June 5th at midnight. 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 Oak Bay challenge will be mailed to draw winners on June 6th.

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 social-distancing.



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Clues

- 1.** This parking lot along Beach Drive was once a safe landing point for a group of cows who swam ashore after having been pushed overboard from paddle steamers in the late 1800's.
- 2.** Located along Beach Drive, this beloved sun-bathing beach is known to the Songhees First Nations as Sitchanalth. Find the cairn for this Lekwungen place name and take a photo of it.
- 3.** Situated offshore from Beach Drive is a small island that goes by many names. What are two of the names for this island? Take a photo of this island from shore.
- 4.** There are four metal sculptures located in Queen's Park near the Oak Bay Marina created by Ken Hall. What do these metal sculptures depict? Take a photo of this sculpture.
- 5.** A recreation park that was established as a bicycle racing track to encourage use of the streetcar system by the Victoria Railway and Electric Lighting Company. Which park is this? Take a photo with your bicycle at the park when you get there.
- 6.** Located on Radcliff Lane on a point of land is an undeveloped, natural park area. This park features rock outcrops, native flora and fauna, magnificent views of the ocean, Olympic Mountains, Mount Baker, and the occasional bird watcher. What kinds of sea life can you see here? Take a photo at this location.
- 7.** Situated off Island Road is the entrance to Anderson Hill Park. At the top of this hill, there is a Songhees History cairn marking the significance of this vantage point. Ride to the top of this hill and find the cairn. What is the WSÁNEĆ name of the T'sartlip First Nation artist who created this cairn artwork? Take a photo of this special place.
- 8.** Walbran Park also known as "Gonzales Hill" is home to a lookout structure from what bygone era? What is another name for this type of lookout? Only two lookouts from this regional network still remain. Take a photo from this lookout.

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- 9.** Harling Point is home to which cemetery? What year was this cemetery established here and why was it established here? Ride over to this place and take a moment to read some of the signs and grave stones that lay here.
- 10.** Located on a hill in the smallest CRD Park is a building that was once designed as a weather station in 1914 but has since been used for other purposes. What is the name of this building? Snap a photo of this place and watch as the weather patterns roll across the West shore.
- 11.** This eclectic garden was built by a Prince, the last surviving son of an ancient line of kings from a small country on the Black sea, and a Princess in 1946 after they had been tragically separated during WWII. What is the name of this garden? Take a photo from outside the garden gate.
- 12.** A cornerstone for delicious treats and unusual plants in Oak Bay, this café and garden centre is a beloved neighbourhood favourite. What is the name of this café (in both French and English)? Snap a photo by this café.
- 13.** Located on Oak Bay Avenue, this beloved bike shop has been supporting cycling for nearly a century. Ride by the shop and read the hanging banner out front and tell us the year this bike shop opened.
- 14.** In 2015, the District of Oak Bay and CRD Bowker Creek Initiative in partnership with SD61, on whose property the site is located, reconstructed the Bowker Creek channel beside the Oak Bay High school race track. The Friends and other local groups and individuals, including high school students, have since volunteered many hours of work to continue to remove invasive plants and maintain the native plantings. Ride over to the creek and name a native plant species growing along the creek bank at this restoration site.
- 15.** There is a large bone sculpture called 'Rebirth' at Entrance Park at the corner of Oak Bay Avenue and Foul Bay Road. What mammal species does this artificial bone belong to?

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

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