

Esquimalt/View Royal Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt - Printable Version

For July 16th - August 4th, 2020

Map: shorturl.at/absMY

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 Esquimalt/View Royal Scavenger Hunt will be available for draw winners to pick up at the café/shop described on August 4th 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. Located along the Gorge Waterway are the reversing falls at Tillicum Bridge, also known as Tillicum Narrows or the Canal of Camosack, back in the 1800s. These narrows are an ancient food harvest area for the Songhees, a place where they once hunted for herring, coho salmon, oysters and ducks. An ancient midden composed of shell, fish bones, charcoal and scorched rocks can be found under the south end of the bridge. This place is also a historically significant spot, as it was once home to large boulders in its centre, which the Lekwungen Nations named "Camossung." In June 1960, the rapids were changed forever when a local boater, without approval of the authorities, dynamited the rocks.
2. Hidden away along the E&N Rail Trail are a series of different, colourful, and some political, graffiti murals painted on the backs of buildings located between Fairview Rd and Hereward Rd.
3. One of the most confusing intersections of train tracks, vehicle roadways and cycling pathways you'll find in this neighbourhood. Hint: There's a shelter booth at one corner of this intersection with historical information about the old railway that traveled through this area.
4. Along this section of the trail you can spot what lighthouse? Also known as the oldest lighthouse on the B.C. coast built in 1860 by Japanese immigrants and British engineers.
5. The Łək̓ʷəŋən Recreation Centre Committee envisioned this building to symbolize the Nation's pride of place, serve as an economic generator, welcome visitors, and consolidate programs and services for members.

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6. The Kosampson people, whose descendants are part of the Esquimalt Nation, lived in a village on the east bank of the Gorge, near Portage Inlet. Shell middens near Gorge Bridge confirm the area has been used for over 4,000 years. What Schoolhouse and Manor sits on the banks above this midden site?
7. Two murals are located on the side of what elementary school, located off of the E&N Rail Trail? The lower mural was designed by Misha Smart, who also designed the James Bay Community School mural.
8. Situated between View Royal Elementary School and Adam's Storage, is the historic Fort Victoria RV Park, located along the E&N Rail Trail. Can you spot this old Fort Bastion replica along the trail?
9. This café is nestled on a hill along Watkiss Way and offers a rest stop on route to Thetis Lake. What is the name of the Go-to café for cyclists and Galloping Goose Commuters?
10. A community mural project by Morgan MacCaulay and the Children of Chico and Atkins in August 2007, lines the Atkins Chilco Pedestrian Pathway under the Via Rail track in View Royal. What animals do you see portrayed in this mural?

Bonus: During the week of July 27th the Tour de Victoria is holding its own Scavenger Hunt asking participants to find as many pink arrows along the TdV route as they can. For a bonus, find one of these pink arrows! Instructions can be found at the link below when the challenge launches July 27th.

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