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About this

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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 Esquimalt/View Royal Scavenger Hunt will be released on Monday, July 20th. Story entries will be due two week later on August 4th. 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. Prize winners for this Esquimalt/View Royal challenge will be drawn on August 4th.

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 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 Lək̓wəŋən 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.
- 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?

Clues

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.

<https://tourdevictoria.com/ridelocal/>



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

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.