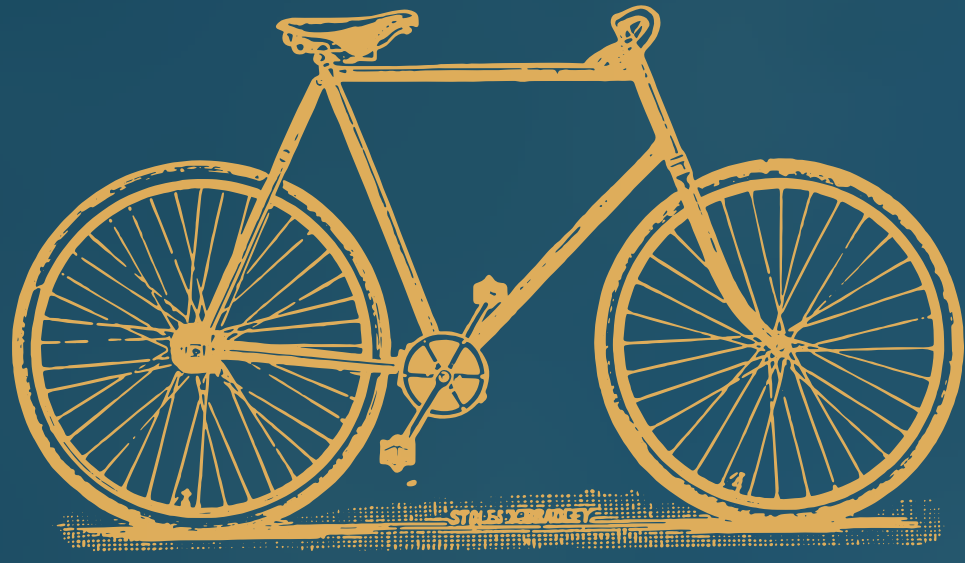


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About this

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

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 Gordon Head/UVic Scavenger Hunt will be released on Monday, July 20th. Story entries will be due two week later on July 20th. 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 Gordon Head/UVic challenge will be drawn on July 20th.

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.** Find the oldest house in all of Saanich that is still standing. This frontier cottage was built in 1860 with a simple two bedrooms, a sitting room, and a lean-to kitchen. The house was moved from its original location on the corner of Kenmore Road and Torquay Drive to one of the largest parks in Gordon Head in 1978.
- 2.** Just to the east of the actual “Gordon Head,” which juts out into the ocean, is a cove that was once the site of a Lekwungen First Nation village. It is called Kwatsech, the Lekwungen word for Gordon Head. Find this cove.
- 3.** Gordon Head is bordered to the west by the Blenkinsop Valley. This statue of farmer Roy Hawes along the Lochside Trail commemorates the farmers of the valley. Snap a picture next to this well-known statue at one of the Lochside’s busiest spots.
- 4.** There are approximately 100 electric vehicle charging stations in Greater Victoria. We found three in Gordon Head and Ten Mile Point; can you locate them? Hint: they can be found near clues 1 and 7.
- 5.** Find a large stadium so-named because it was built 100 years after Canadian Confederation. The original seating capacity of this stadium was 3,000, and was briefly expanded to 30,000 when it served as the main stadium for the 1994 Commonwealth Games. The stadium can now accommodate 5,000 spectators. Hint: Go Vikes!

Clues

6. This theatre is beloved for its screenings of documentaries, foreign, indie, and classic films. Though currently closed due to Covid-19, the theatre has virtual screenings for online rentals. Take a picture in front of this great theatre.
7. The largest library on Vancouver Island is found in Gordon Head, named for a wealthy benefactor whose contributions were guided by the thought that the growth of a university was the “single most important factor in the progress of a city.” Today the library is also home to a diverse archive, featuring collections on everything from Victoria’s Chinatown history to Anarchist literature, from 75 years worth of field notes from “the father of Canadian ecology,” to early maps of colonial BC. Take a photo in front of the library.
8. This community garden features individual plots for students, as well as communal plots for food banks which are tended to by weekly volunteer work parties. See what veggies you can identify at the garden from the nearby path.
9. This water tower is one of the last remaining in Saanich and supplied one of Gordon Head’s numerous strawberry farms with water in the early 20th century. Today you can find the water tower on the edge of University of Victoria property, just before a steep hill leading to our next seaside clue.

Clues

- 10.** There have been 300 recorded sightings of this mythical creature, nicknamed “Caddy.” Sea lions, giant oarfish, and the carcasses of basking sharks have been misidentified as this elusive cryptid for almost 100 years. Find the bright red concrete replica of this sea monster in a popular beachside park.
- 11.** This kayak launching spot in Ten Mile Point was once a key location for smugglers between the 1860s and the 1930s. First, Opium (legal in Canada until 1908) was smuggled into Washington State, followed by alcohol during prohibition in the US (1920-1933). Find this historic cove.
- 12.** Bonus: Another historic cove in Ten Mile Point shares its name with a famous north island tourist destination. This cove was the site of Vancouver Island’s first telegraph connection (with Olympia, Washington) in 1861 and became the location for a dynamite factory in 1865. Find this other historic cove. The easternmost point on all of Vancouver Island is located in Ten Mile Point. Can you find it?



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

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