

Highlands Scavenger Hunt- Printable Version

For August 7th-17th, 2020

Map - <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=15J1vniWxl2jlnLUc97BBKv6ySq16Jve&usp=sharing>

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 for a bike shop near you. Prizes for this Scavenger Hunt Prizes will be available to pick up at the restaurant/shop location with email confirmation on August 18th.

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.

Note The winding rural roads and hills which make the Highlands such a magnificent place for cycling also make it challenging to less experienced riders. Make sure your bike, especially your brakes, is in good working order before taking part.

Clues:

1. Find the site where a massive binary star system was discovered in 1922. “Plaskett’s Star” still holds the title of the most massive known binary star.
2. It might seem strange to put a gas station on a bicycle scavenger hunt, yet this gas station and repair shop has been operated by the same family since 1934. It was also the site where Basil Oldfield built his famous futuristic “tear drop” car which has been featured at the Royal BC Museum and still draws heads at numerous car shows and around town.
3. A sign saying “shallow water, no diving” on a small dock on a lake.
4. Find a red tractor nestled in a garden along Wallace Drive.
5. This rifle range, which began operation in 1916, can be found on the northern end of the Todd Creek Flats along Wallace Drive.
6. Find Culturally Modified Trees at SNIDŹEŁ. As the info signs will tell you these are western red cedar trees whose bark has been stripped away by the Lekwungen peoples who lived at the SNIDŹEŁ village. What other signs of the cement factory, which was later built at this site, can you see?

7. Find the Willis Point Fire Hall. The Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department has 20 members and provides firefighting and first responder services to Willis Point.
8. Find a small bicycle drawing captioned "Ride on" carved into a bench. Find this below a community posting board as you leave Willis Point Road and turn onto Ross Durrance Road.
9. Keep an eye out for three ceramic pots, with a teapot on top, stacked on top of each other while you bike along narrow and winding Ross Durrance Road.
10. Faces in the rocks. See if you can spot several faces painted onto rocks and electrical boxes along Ross Durrance Road. What expressions do they have, is it surprise? Anger?
11. Find a tree stump with the face of an old man on it.
12. The only school ever built in the Highlands, in operation between 1893 and 1941.
13. A farmhouse built in 1883. Early homesteaders here raised sheep, a few cattle, and sold milk, eggs, and vegetables.
14. Francis/King Nature Park is home to some of the tallest Douglas Fir trees in the region. Trails in Heritage Grove wind through 500-year-old old growth. Find the park's nature house along Munn Road.

Congratulations! You have completed the Highlands Scavenger Hunt. Make sure to tell us about your ride by filling out the short activity form on the GVCC website under 'themed rides' or via Facebook and Instagram by using #yyjbike to enter to win prizes!