

Audubon-Downriver

NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Scavenger Stop: Shadle Park – Towering Above It All

Look high in the sky for something shiny and gold, this towering landmark watches over the whole park!

Fun Fact: Shadle Park is one of the biggest parks in the city! It's packed with places to play, splash, read, and picnic. But the tallest, most iconic part? The bright green and gold water tower! Built mid-century, it's been a neighborhood symbol for decades—and it's still standing strong.

Activity: Lay back in the grass and try to guess how many gallons of water that tower can hold! Then take a lap around the base and count how many steps it takes. Can you spot the tower from another part of the park?

Scavenger Stop: Riverside State Park/ Bowl & Pitcher – Nature's Playground

This park has a swinging bridge, big rocks, and secret river spots. Can you find the bridge that moves when you walk?

Fun Fact: Riverside State Park was shaped during the 1930s when workers built trails, rock walls, and even a famous swinging bridge over the river at Bowl and Pitcher! The park stretches for miles and offers river beaches, shady forests, and even a campground, right inside the city!

Free Activity: Pretend you're an explorer crossing the bridge for the first time. Can you spot three different textures under your feet or around you; like smooth rocks, bumpy tree bark, or soft sand?

Scavenger Stop: Northwest Boulevard Bluff Lookout

Walk where the city meets the sky—find the high trail with river views and follow it toward the green of a golf course.

Fun Fact: This trail along the bluff gives you amazing views of the Spokane River below. People have walked this ridge for decades to enjoy the peaceful scenery and changing seasons. From here, you can spot the river winding through town and even see all the way to Downriver Golf Course!

Free Activity – “River Spotter” Challenge: Stand at the lookout and count how many things you can spot in or near the river—birds, boats, bridges, or maybe a surprise! Can you find at least five?

Scavenger Stop: Audubon Park – A Park for the Birds (and You!)

This peaceful park shares its name with a famous bird lover—can you find a feathered friend while you play?

Fun Fact: Audubon Park was named after John James Audubon, a bird expert and artist who studied and painted birds in the wild. This area was so full of bird life, it made perfect sense! The park was officially created in 1907, and today it's still a great place to spot everything from chirping robins to soaring hawks.

Activity: Grab a stick and pretend it's binoculars—can you find three different types of birds? **Bonus:** Make up a silly bird call and try it out with your friends!

Scavenger Stop: Durham Springs – Learning by the Water

Find the place where water flows and learning once grew! Look for signs of nature and stories near the springs.

Fun Fact: Durham Springs was once the site of one of the earliest schools. Chief Garry returned to teach his community near these very waters. Here, in a nearby longhouse, he taught about language, spirituality, and the importance of the land. Today, Durham Springs remains a place where students, families, and visitors continue to learn from nature.

Free Activity – “Nature Noticer” Challenge: Can you spot 3 signs of the season; like blooming flowers, animal tracks, or colorful leaves?

Scavenger Stop: Finch Elementary & Sidewalk Mural

Look for the classic school with a story to tell—and watch your step near the corner, where art is about to bloom beneath your feet!

Fun Fact: Finch Elementary School has stood strong since 1924, with beautiful architecture that reflects Spokane's early 20th-century style. This year, something new is arriving a sidewalk mural by artist Daniel Davis, to be painted on June 7, 2025, turning the corner of Providence and North Audubon into a bright piece of community art!

Activity – “Future Art Spotters” Challenge: What Spokane story could the mural tell? Sketch your own version of a sidewalk painting!

**Congratulations,
explorers!**

**Don't forget to continue the fun...
Explore the bonus stops on the
back!**

Bonus Stop: Your Local Library!

While you're out exploring, don't forget to swing by your local library. Join in on their storytimes and check out tons of fun, free rentals to keep your summer full of learning and play. From books and games to activity kits and more, it's a perfect way to keep the adventure going!

Bonus Stop: Your Local Aquatic Center!

Make a splash! Many Spokane-area aquatic centers offer free swim times for kids, and fun summer events like neighborhood pool parties to kick off the summer! Check their website to find swim times and party dates near you!

Bonus Stop: Your Local Public School Playground!

Did you know most public school playgrounds stay open all summer? It's the perfect spot to climb, slide, and play! Heading into kindergarten or a new school? Visiting the playground is a great way to get familiar with the space before the first day!

Mini Activity:

Play "School Explorer"! Pretend you're on your first day—can you find the front door, a place to sit, and the tallest slide?

Bonus Stop: Your Local Business & Community Center!

Explore your neighborhood! Stop by a local business (like a bakery, barber shop, or market) and visit your community center to see what events or resources they offer for families. These places are great for making connections and learning more about your area!

Audubon Park comes alive this summer with Concerts Under the Pines, a beloved neighborhood tradition filled with music and community spirit. Enjoy the enchanting sounds of Pamela Benton on July 18th, followed by the high-energy performance of The Step Brothers on July 25th—all set against the beautiful backdrop of towering pines.

Mini Activity:

Draw a "Neighborhood Treasure Map" with your child—mark the business, the community center, and one fun thing you saw at each place!

You've completed the adventure — for now!

Make a heart with your hands with your family and friends at your favorite stop and #Launchfamilyfun on Facebook or Instagram for a chance to win a summer gift basket!

We'll be picking one lucky winner each month all summer long.

Keep exploring — from history to nature to community, there's so much to discover this season!

