

# Hillyard

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

**Scavenger Stop: A&T Brake Mural – A Community Masterpiece**  
Look for the wall where community and color came together, just past the coffee and the car parts.

**Fun Fact:** Local business owner Jack Miller teamed up with Whitworth art students and the neighborhood to create a mural voted on by the community. From sketches to paint, this artwork shows the power of people coming together!

**Activity– “Design Your Dream Wall”** What would you put on a mural to represent your neighborhood? Sketch your idea or describe it with colors, shapes, and meaning!

**Scavenger Stop: Children of the Sun Trail – A Path with Purpose**  
Follow the trail that shares its name with the Spokane people—where wheels spin and stories flow beside the freeway.

**Fun Fact:**

The Children of the Sun Trail is a shared-use path named after the Spokane Tribe’s meaning: “Children of the Sun.” It honors the cultural and historical significance of the land, shaped with the guidance of local Indigenous voices and community input.

**Activity – “Trail Trekker Challenge”** Walk or ride a section of the trail and try to spot three things from nature and three things humans built (like bridges, signs, or buildings). Can you find where nature and people work together?

**Scavenger Stop: Wild Horse Park – Hidden Nature Haven**  
Where wild horses once roamed, and cattails now sway find the new playground where laughter leads the way!

**Fun Fact:** Wild Horse Park is a peaceful place full of nature, with shady trees, chirping birds, and even a brand-new playground that opened in 2023! It has a treehouse, saucer swing, rope climbers, and connects to the Children of the Sun Trail.

**Activity – “Wildlife Watchers”**

Pick a quiet spot, sit for one minute, and count how many animals, birds, or bugs you can spot or hear. Can you find something with wings?

**Scavenger Stop: Hillyard Heritage Museum – Train Time Travel**  
Where do old trains sleep and stories roll on wheels? Find the red caboose and look inside!

**Fun Fact:** The Hillyard Heritage Museum has real vintage train cars you can explore! Inside, you’ll see old tools, photos, and treasures from Spokane’s railroad days.

**Activity – “Conductor Challenge”**

Pretend you’re the train conductor! Where would your train go? Make up a name for your train and shout, “All aboard!” to your group!

**Scavenger Stop: Beacon Hill – Stories in the Sky**  
Look up high to where the hill meets the sky—this place has seen both sacred gatherings and soaring planes!

**Fun Fact:** Beacon Hill has a deep and layered history. For generations, it was an important gathering place for local Indigenous people known as Miikwin. Years later, it became a hub for early aviation in Spokane—earning its name as a “beacon” in the sky. Today, it’s a place to hike, bike, and imagine all the footsteps and flight paths that came before.

**Activity – “Then & Now” Time Travel Game!** Pretend you’re a time traveler! What would you wear, carry, or see if you visited Beacon Hill 200 years ago? How about 100 years ago? Act it out or share your ideas with a friend!

**Scavenger Stop: Regal Rock Snake – A Growing Neighborhood Friend:**  
Slither down Regal before Columbia’s bend—find a rock snake with colors that never end!

**Fun Fact:** This cheerful rock snake was started by a 6-year-old neighbor with one simple goal: bring people together. It’s now a growing symbol of community creativity!

**Activity – “Add Your Rock!”** Admire the painted stones, then decorate your own rock at home or on-site. Add it to the line and help the snake grow all summer long. Let’s see how long it can get!

**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!

**The Hillyard Festival** is a cherished neighborhood tradition that has been going strong for over a century. Held annually on August 2nd, this beloved event brings the community together for a day filled with fun, food, and festivities. Enjoy delicious local eats, unique vendors, an exciting midway, and a fantastic parade that winds through the heart of Hillyard. With a wide range of activities for all ages, the Hillyard Festival offers something for everyone—come celebrate the spirit, history, and heart of one of Spokane's neighborhoods!

#### **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!**

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