

RIVERSIDE

NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Scavenger Stop: The Garbage Goat – Riverfront Park

Look for a metal goat hiding near the carousel. It's not just for show—this goat has an appetite for trash!

Fun Fact: The Garbage Goat was created by Spokane artist Paula Turnbull for Expo '74. It's a working vacuum sculpture that helps keep the park clean—and has been making people smile (and clean up!) for 50 years.

Activity: Feed the goat a safe piece of litter (it really slurps it up!), then explore the park to spot three more public art pieces. Can you find one shaped like a fish?

Scavenger Stop: Riverfront Rotary Fountain

Follow the sound of splashing water! Find the big circle where water shoots into the sky and kids love to play right in the heart of Riverfront Park.

Fun Fact: This spot used to be covered in noisy train tracks and busy warehouses. People couldn't even get close to the river! Now, it's a fun, beautiful place with a fountain you can run through and trails to explore.

Activity: "Water Detective" Challenge!

How many big spray jets shoot up from the fountain?

Bonus: Pretend you're a train chugging around the fountain—choo choo!

Scavenger Stop: Auntie's Bookstore – Spokane's Literary Landmark

Look for the cozy corner filled with stories and stacked with adventures—where pages turn and imaginations soar.

Fun Fact: Auntie's Bookstore is Spokane's beloved indie bookshop! It's filled with both new and used books, fun gifts, and friendly book lovers. You can even trade in your gently used books for store credit—and join one of their many awesome book clubs!

Activity: Book Treasure Hunt! Head inside and try to find:

- _ A book with an animal on the cover
- _ A book with "Spokane" in the title
- _ A silly greeting card

Bonus: Ask a bookseller for a recommendation and write down the title!

Scavenger Stop: Riverfront Park Carousel – Grab the Brass Ring!

Find the spinning circle of animals near the river—listen for music and laughter in the air!

Fun Fact: This magical carousel was built in 1909 as a wedding gift and is now one of Spokane's most beloved treasures! It features 54 hand-carved horses, plus a giraffe, a goat, and even a tiger—all made over 100 years ago. Riders can still grab rings as they go around!

Activity: Pick your favorite animal from the carousel, are you bold like the tiger or bouncy like the goat? Head into the park and act it out! Can your friends guess which one you are?

Scavenger Stop: GLOW Children Early Learning Center – Shine Bright!

Look for a place filled with giggles, chalk art, and tiny footsteps—where little lights grow brighter every day.

Fun Fact:

GLOWCHILDREN stands for Go Light Our World! GLOW is a special early learning center that supports children from birth through age 12. GLOW works to create safe, joyful spaces for learning while advocating for equity and care for families in need.

Activity: Chalk the Walk!

Join the kids and create your own chalk masterpiece outside. Draw something that makes you feel happy or something that lights up your world!

Scavenger Stop: Spokane Falls – Roar of the River

Follow the sound that gets louder as you walk—can you hear the roar of the river calling?

Fun Fact: Spokane Falls is loud, beautiful, and powerful—especially in spring when snow from the mountains melts into rushing water! For thousands of years, Native American tribes gathered here because the falls were a sacred and important place. Today, it's still the heart of the city, where nature and community meet.

Activity: Stand still and close your eyes; can you hear the falls? Feel the mist on your face? Now, pretend you're the water tumbling over the rocks. Twist, spin, splash! How loud can you make your waterfall sound?

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!

Riverfront Park Kids Fest is a vibrant, family-focused community event designed to celebrate and support children and families throughout Spokane. Hosted at Riverfront Park on July 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., this fun-filled day offers free attraction tickets, free skate rentals, and complimentary rides on the Loeff Carousel for all kids 12 and under. Come enjoy a full day of laughter, exploration, and connection in the heart of our city. This special event is all about bringing families together and creating lasting memories—don't miss it!

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!

