



Audubon-Downriver

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Stop: Shadle Park – Towering Above It All

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

Fun Fact: The Shadle water tower has stood tall since the 1950s, painted bright green and gold to match Shadle Park High School. It's been a neighborhood landmark for generations!

Activity: Lay back in the crisp fall grass and guess how many gallons of water the tower can hold. Then, take a lap around the base and count how many steps it takes. Can you spy the tower from another corner of the park or even from outside it?

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

This peaceful park shares its name with a famous bird lover can you spot a feathered friend while enjoying the crisp autumn air?

Fun Fact: Audubon Park was named after John James Audubon, a bird expert and artist who studied and painted birds in the wild. Established in 1907, the park is still one of the best spots in the city to see birds—especially in fall, when flocks gather and migrate overhead.

Activity: Grab a stick and pretend it's a pair of binoculars, how many different kinds of birds can you find? Bonus: Try making up a silly bird call and see if your friends can echo it back!

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

This park has a swinging bridge, giant rocks, and hidden river spots.

Fun Fact: Riverside State Park took shape in the 1930s when workers built trails, stone walls, and the famous swinging bridge over the Spokane River at Bowl & Pitcher. Today, the park stretches for miles with forests, riverbanks, and even a campground making it a perfect fall adventure spot right inside the city.

Activity: Pretend you're an explorer crossing the bridge for the very first time. As you walk, notice the fall textures all around you maybe smooth rocks, crunchy leaves, bumpy tree bark, or soft sand. How many can you discover?

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.

Fact: Durham Springs was once the site of one of the earliest schools. Chief Garry returned to this area to teach his community near these very waters. In a nearby longhouse, he shared lessons about language, spirituality, and the importance of the land. Today, Durham Springs is still a place where students, families, and visitors can learn from the rhythms of nature.

Activity – “Fall Nature Noticer” Can you spot 3 signs of autumn around the springs? Look for colorful leaves, migrating birds, or squirrels gathering food. What other fall clues can you find that show the season is changing?

Scavenger Stop: Northwest Boulevard Bluff Lookout

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

Fun Fact: This bluff-top trail has been a favorite for decades, especially in autumn when the trees along the Spokane River burst into color. From here, you can watch the river winding through town, framed by golden leaves, and even spot Downriver Golf Course in the distance.

Activity – “Fall River Spotter” Stand at the lookout and see what you can spot in or near the river. Can you find at least five things—like birds flying south, red and gold leaves floating by, a bridge, a boat, or maybe even a squirrel gathering acorns nearby?

Scavenger Stop: Corner of Providence & Audubon – Flower Street Mural

Look down at the corner where the street blooms with color—this beautiful flower mural is ready to brighten your day!

Fun Fact: In June 2025, local artist Danielle Davis completed this vibrant flower mural, turning the corner of Providence and Audubon into a cheerful spot full of community spirit and color.

Activity – “Art Spotters” Challenge: Count how many different types of flowers or colors you can find in the mural. Then, draw your own fall-inspired flower design to add to the adventure!

**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 this fall, don't forget to swing by your local library! Cozy up with story times, borrow books and games, or check out activity kits to keep your autumn full of learning and play. From crisp fall reads to creative projects, it's the perfect way to keep the adventure going all season long!

Bonus Stop: Explore Fall Activities with EngageIRL!

Discover a world of fall fun for kids and families in Spokane! EngageIRL connects families with a variety of local opportunities, from seasonal sports leagues to art classes and community events. It's all about helping kids get active, make new friends, and explore their interests beyond the classroom.

Bonus Stop: Your Local Public School Playground

Visit your neighborhood school playground this fall! The crisp air and colorful leaves make it the perfect spot to climb, slide, and explore. Tip: Playgrounds are closed during school hours and for an hour after, but weekends are ideal for outdoor fun.

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!

Bonus Stop: Storytime at the Carrousel

Come join for Storytime at the Carrousel, where little imaginations come alive with songs, stories, and playful activities! For just \$1, you can ride the Carrousel and explore all the fun the park has to offer. Stroll through Riverfront Park and discover playgrounds, fountains, gardens, sculptures, and scenic paths—all for free! There's so much to see and do, making it the perfect spot for a family adventure this fall. October 17, November 21, December 19

Bonus Tip: Perfect spot for fall photos and making pumpkin memories with family and friends.

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!** 

Celebrate the season with your family and friends! Make a heart with your hands at your favorite fall stop and share it with #LaunchFamilyFun on Facebook or Instagram for a chance to win a cozy autumn gift basket!

We'll be picking one lucky winner each month through the fall season.

Keep exploring—whether it's history, nature, or your local community, there's so much to discover in the crisp, colorful days of autumn!

