



CHIEF GARRY PARK

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Stop: The Gathering Circle Stories in Stone

Look for a circle of stones where the sun rises in the design, a place to pause, reflect, and share.

Fun Fact: The rising sun in the circle honors the Spokane Tribe, meaning “Children of the Sun.” It celebrates community, storytelling, and connection to the land.

Activity – “Circle of Stories” Stand in the center of the circle and spin slowly. Pretend you’re sharing a story around a campfire, just like people did long ago. What tale would you tell? Can you make it about fall, animals, or adventures you imagine?

Scavenger Stop: Chief Garry Gateway & Plaque A Leader’s Legacy

At the neighborhood entrance, find a sign and plaque where the river and history meet.

Fun Fact: Chief Garry was a respected leader who traveled far to study and returned to teach and guide his people with wisdom, care, and vision for the future.

Activity – “Questions for a Leader” Stand by the plaque and imagine talking with Chief Garry. What would you ask him about his life, the river, or his dreams for the community? Share your question with a friend or write it down!

Scavenger Stop: The Iron Bridge — Steel Over the River

Steel so tall above the stream, where trains once roared and leaves now gleam.

Fun Fact: Built in 1911, the Iron Bridge carried trains across the Spokane River as part of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

Activity – “Autumn River Watchers” Run, skip, or walk across the bridge and take in all the fall sights and sounds. What noises can you hear—the crunch of leaves, the rush of water, or maybe a bird calling? Look closely: do you see any letters or numbers drawn on the bridge? Can you spot birds flying in a “V” or fish swimming in the river below?

Scavenger Stop: SCC Labyrinth — A Path to Calm

Follow the winding path where autumn leaves crunch beneath your feet, and quiet footsteps lead to peace.

Fun Fact: Labyrinths have been used for thousands of years to help people slow down, reflect, and find calm.

Activity – “Step to the Center” Walk the labyrinth slowly and count your steps as you make your way to the center. How does it feel to reach the middle? Can you notice the colors of fall leaves around you or hear the rustle of the breeze?

Scavenger Stop: Felts Field — Spokane’s First Airport

Look for the wide-open field where planes once soared, and autumn winds carry dreams across the sky.

Fun Fact: Felts Field is Spokane’s first airport! Famous aviator Charles Lindbergh even landed here in 1927, just months after his historic transatlantic flight.

Activity – “Autumn Aviators” Pretend you’re a pilot! Spread your arms like wings and “fly” across the grassy field. What kind of plane would you soar in? Can you swoop like a bird through the colorful fall leaves?

Scavenger Stop: Greene Street Bridge — Views Over the River

Where Greene Street meets the river, look for the bridge with autumn leaves drifting by and wide, sweeping views.

Fun Fact: Built in the 1950s, this bridge has connected Spokane neighborhoods for over 70 years. It’s still used by cars, bikes, and walkers today.

Activity – “Autumn River Watch” Pause at the center of the bridge. Can you spot birds flying overhead, boats floating along, or leaves drifting on the water? Listen to the river and the breeze as you take in the fall scenery.

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: The Great Pumpkinfest: Bricks Brewing company

Love Your Neighbor Foundation and Bricks West Brewing present The Great Pumpkin Fest—a giant charity pumpkin sale with free family fun! Join us over four festive fall weekends (September 26–28, October 3–5, October 10–12, and October 17–19) for face painting and a petting zoo every Saturday and Sunday, line dancing on Fridays, and live music on Saturday nights. Come pick your perfect pumpkin, enjoy fall activities, and support a great cause!

Bonus Tip! 🍎 Even though the farmers markets have closed for the season, you can still stop by Green's Farmers Market for local fresh produce, meats, and all kinds of local goods for a great deal. A perfect way to keep fall flavors on your table!

Bonus Tip! Once the Farmers Market closes for the season, you can still visit the Scalehouse for farm-fresh fruits, veggies, meats, and dairy year-round it's an indoor farmers market with so much more! They've created a beautiful community hub right by the bus stop, making it easy to get there via public 4422 E 8th Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

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!

