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Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Stop: Edwidge Woldson Park — A Walk Through History
On the lower South Hill, wander where autumn colors spill across the
hillside and history lingers in the air.

Fun Fact: Before it was a park, this land held grand homes and formal gardens. In 2010, it was renamed to honor Edwidge Woldson, a local arts and education advocate who helped preserve Spokane's beauty and history.

Activity — Try making a "leaf rainbow" by lining them up from brightest yellow to deepest red.

Scavenger Stop: Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens — A Garden of Time
Where stone terraces climb the hillside and leaves drift down, history and
beauty bloom together.

Fun Fact: In the early 1900s, these gardens were home to the largest perennial garden in the Northwest! The Turner mansion once stood where the lower parking lot is today, and the basalt terraces you see were part of its grand design.

Activity — "Autumn Garden Party" Pretend you're attending a fancy fall garden party in the 1920s. Can you tiptoe across the terraces like you're walking through rows of roses? Or whisper a secret under the pergola as if it were covered in golden leaves?

Scavenger Stop: Eldridge Richards Park – A Quiet City View
Find the hillside perch where the trees open wide, and the city spreads
out beneath the sky.

Fun Fact: Eldridge Richards Park is a hidden gem with one of Spokane's best skyline views. It's the perfect place to pause whether for a picnic, some leaf-peeping, or simply enjoying the quiet.

Activity — "Animal Viewfinder" Take a breath and enjoy the view. Can you spot a bird soaring above or a critter in the brush below? Now pretend you're a Pacific Northwest animal—an owl, a squirrel, maybe even a bear! What would you notice from this spot in the fall?

Scavenger Stop: Tiger Trail – Edwidge Park

A hidden path with a wild name! Stroll along Altridge and keep your eyes

open for a trail tucked between the trees.

Fun Fact: Why do they call it Tiger Trail? No one knows for sure.... but

Spokane once had a zoo at Manito Park not far from here! The zoo had elk,

deer, a golden eagle, and even a polar bear.

Activity - "Jungle Explorers"

Head down the trail like adventurers on a safari! What sounds of fall can you hear crunching leaves, rustling branches, maybe a bird call? Take turns giving each other animal movement challenges: slither like a snake, hop like a frog, flap like a bird, or tiptoe like a sneaky tiger.

Scavenger Stop: Cowley Park — Hidden on the Hill

Tucked on the South Hill, where trees turn gold, find a quiet park

with stories old.

Fun Fact: Cowley Park is one of Spokane's oldest parks! It's been a neighborhood gathering spot for over a century, with shady trees, open play space, and beautiful fall views.

Activity — "Leaf Pile Fun!" Search for colorful leaves around the park.

Gather a few different shapes and sizes (or just spot them if they're too crunchy!). Can you find one that's red, one that's yellow, and one that's brown?

Scavenger Stop: Polly Judd Park — A Park Built by Community
On the hillside with swings and slides, find the park that celebrates
community pride!

Fun Fact: Polly Judd was a beloved Spokane community leader and one of the founders of the Lilac Festival. She loved flowers, parades, and bringing people together! This park was renamed in her honor after neighbors worked side by side to turn the space into something special.

Activity — "Festival Fun!" Pretend you're planning your own neighborhood festival! What would it be called, and what would you celebrate? Draw a float, design a flower crown with leaves you see around, or march like you're leading a parade down the hillside.

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!

Monster Dash at Manito Park - Sunday, October 26, 2025

Kids who register before October 15th can join the race for \$17 and receive a Monster Dash shirt. If you don't want to pay the fee, no worries – it's still a great place to watch the fun, cheer on runners, and meet your neighbors!

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 like an indoor farmers market! They've created a beautiful community hub right by the bus stop, making it easy to get there via public transit.

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!

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