



Hillyard

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Stop: A&T Brake Mural — A Community Masterpiece

Leaves flutter as colors shine bright

A wall of stories, painted with light

Fun Fact: Local business owner Jack Miller worked with Whitworth art students and neighbors to create this mural. Every part of it was chosen by the community, showing how people can come together to make something beautiful!

Activity — “Design Your Dream Wall”

What would you put on a mural to show 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 winding path where sunlight dances, wheels roll, and stories of the Spokane people come alive.

Fun Fact: The Children of the Sun Trail is named after the Spokane Tribe, meaning “Children of the Sun.” The trail honors the land’s cultural and historical significance, shaped with guidance from local Indigenous voices.

Activity — “Trail Trekker Challenge”

Walk or ride a section of the trail. 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

Crisp leaves crunch as you climb up high—this hill holds stories where earth meets sky.

Fun Fact: For generations, Beacon Hill was an important gathering place for local Indigenous people. Years later, it became a hub for early aviation in Spokane earning its name as a “beacon” in the sky. Today in the fall, hikers and bikers enjoy golden views while imagining 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 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! 🎃 Third Thursday from 4–8pm, check out Haunt the Yard with spooky art, live music, and a decorating contest—some businesses might even have a maze or two! Then on Saturday, October 25 from 10am–2pm, head to Market Street Tricks & Treasures, a free community event where local businesses hand out candy to kids—over 300 trick-or-treaters joined last year. 🍬 Find all the details at HillyardSpokane.org.

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!

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!

