



Manito/ Cannon hill

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Hunt Stop: The Japanese Garden
Golden leaves fall as koi swim below. Find me for peace and a calm autumn glow

Fun Fact: This garden honors Spokane's sister city, Nishinomiya. Long ago, it was once a zoo with ostriches and emus!

Activity: Stroll the pond and count the koi. Look closely some may hide under rocks or leaves. Open daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m., April through October. Closes for the season at the end of October.

Photo by Bill Tamm

Scavenger Hunt Stop: The Duck Pond (Mirror Pond)
Leaves drift down as ripples flow. Ducks gather round where families go

Fun Fact: Over a hundred years ago this pond was big enough for boats, dances, and winter ice skating. People even rented canoes here.

Activity: Stand by the edge and count the ducks you see. can you imagine this lake all frozen over an ice skaters gliding across?

Scavenger Stop: Gaiser Conservatory — A World of Plants
Amber light shines in the glassy dome. Where tropical leaves warm even when storms roam

Fun Fact: The Conservatory is named for Dr. David Gaiser. It holds plants from around the world. Friends of Manito change the displays with the seasons.

Activity – “Plant Passport”: Pretend you're wandering a jungle or a desert can you find a plant with big leaves? One with spikes? One that smells good? Draw your favorite! The Conservatory is open every day except Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and is free year-round.

Scavenger Hunt Stop: Cannon Hill Park
Long ago this hill was full of clay
Where bricks were made in a bustling way
Now leaves drift down where workers once stood
Walk through the park and imagine the neighborhood

Fun Fact: Cannon Hill was once a brickyard. Clay found in the 1880s was turned into bricks used in downtown buildings and streets. After the clay ran out, the yard closed, leaving the park we enjoy today.

Activity: Look for the low spots and hills can you imagine where the clay was dug and bricks were shaped long ago?

Scavenger Stop: The Scoop and The Hidden Bagel – Seriously Fun Fall Flavors
Find the spot where cones and bagels reign, where flavors change with the season and every bite feels like autumn's gain.

Fun Fact: The Scoop serves handcrafted ice cream while the Hidden Bagel bakes up fresh bagels—together they make the perfect fall pair with seasonal flavors like pumpkin spice, caramel apple, and cinnamon swirl.

Activity – “Create Your Fall Flavor!”
Design your own autumn-inspired treat. What's it called? What's in it? Would it be pumpkiny, apple-spiced, nutty, or maple-sweet? Share your creation with your grown-up or even show it to the Scoop and Bagel crew!

Scavenger Stop: Upper Manito Playground
Crunchy leaves and swings that fly
Slides go fast as the breeze goes by

Fun Fact: A long time ago, this whole park was called Montrose Park. Then the name changed to Manito, which means “spirit of nature.”

Activity: Count how many steps it takes to get from the swings to the slide. Can you do it again with tiny steps like a mouse?

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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