



West Central

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



Scavenger Stop: Highbridge Park — A Park of Many Plans

Leaves drift down by the river wide
Trails, dogs, and games are found inside

Fun Fact: Long ago, people imagined lots of different things for this park, like a zoo or a train display. Today it has trails, a dog park, and great views of the river.

Activity: Go on a leaf hunt! Can you find a red leaf, a yellow leaf, and a brown leaf? Show them to a friend or make a little pile of your treasures.

Scavenger Stop: A.M. Cannon Park — A Century of Play

Leaves swirl as everyone runs and plays
A favorite spot for fun for over a hundred years today

Fun Fact: Opened in 1912, this park has been a hub for community fun for over 100 years. It once had a popular pool and today has a basketball court, picnic shelter, and water play area.

Activity: Pretend you are visiting in the past! Little ones can hop like in a sack race or spin like a merry-go-round, while older kids can invent new games, play basketball, or race along the trails.

Scavenger Stop: Olmsted Brothers Green — A Place to Pause and Play

Leaves crunch underfoot and breezes sway
A peaceful spot to rest, explore, and play

Fun Fact: This park is named for the Olmsted Brothers, famous designers who created beautiful green spaces to help people enjoy nature.

Activity – “Sensory Explorer!” Use all five senses:

- See: What colors of fall do you notice?
 - Hear: Can you hear leaves, birds, or the river?
 - Smell: What scents of autumn are in the air?
 - Touch: How do the leaves, trees, or rocks feel?
 - Taste: Can you spot something safe to taste like a fallen fruit?
- Draw or write your favorite part of this sensory adventure!

Scavenger Stop: Dutch Jake’s Park — A Legacy of Laughter and Renewal

Leaves swirl as friends laugh and play
A park where neighbors connect every day

Fun Fact: This park is named for Jacob “Dutch Jake” Gautes, a fun-loving neighbor from long ago. Opened in 1976, it was renewed in 2019 so everyone could enjoy it safely and happily. Its truly a symbol of neighbors coming together and creating something beautiful for all!

Activity: Think like Dutch Jake! How would you welcome someone new to your park? Give a friendly wave, or invent a fun game to play with your friends just like Jake would have done!

Scavenger Stop: Twickenham Park — All Aboard for Fun!

Leaves crunch underfoot where laughter once rolled
A park full of stories from long ago told

Fun Fact: Twickenham Park started as a “trolley park” at the end of a rail line. It had baseball fields, rides, a hotel, and in 1892 a huge swimming pool called the Natatorium. Some old rides were later moved to Riverfront Park!

Activity – “Park Time Traveler!”

Pretend you are a kid visiting in 1892. Would you ride the trolley, jump in the pool, or try the rides first? Act it out with a friend, or write a few lines about your day at Twickenham Park!

Scavenger Stop: Nettleton Triangle — A Warm Welcome & a Cool Treat!

Leaves crunch as you walk along
A triangle of history, ice cream, and song

Fun Fact: Nettleton Triangle has welcomed neighbors and visitors since 1887. A plaque honors James “Jimmy” Clancy, an Air Force veteran and longtime bus driver. Nearby, Doyle’s Ice Cream has served homemade scoops for generations.

Activity – “Neighborhood Noticer!”

Take a walk around the triangle. Can you spot the statue, the plaque, or something sweet nearby?

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! 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!

