



# Manito/ Cannon hill

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT



**Scavenger Hunt Stop: Japanese Garden**  
I'm quiet and calm with a pond full of fish, Find me for peace or a photo-wish. Bridges, rocks, and trees so neat!

**Fun Fact:** This peaceful garden is named after Spokane's sister city in Japan—Nishinomiya! A long time ago, it was a zoo with animals like ostriches and emus!

**Activity:** Walk around the pond and count how many colorful koi fish you can find. **Hint:** Look closely—some like to hide under the rocks or plants!

Photo by Bill Tamm

**Scavenger Hunt Stop: The Duck Pond (Mirror Pond)**  
Once called Mirror, shallow and wide, Skaters and dancers came to glide. With ducks today and fish below— Can you guess where families go?

**Fun Fact:** Long ago, this pond was big enough for boats, dances, and winter ice skating! It was only about 2–5 feet deep and people even rented canoes here.

**Activity:** Stand by the edge and count how many ducks you see. **Bonus:** Talk about what it might have been like to skate here 100 years ago!

**Scavenger Stop: Gaiser Conservatory – A World of Plants**  
Step inside the glassy dome where plants from every climate call home—just past Duncan Gardens, you'll find the bloom!

**Fun Fact:** The Gaiser Conservatory, named after longtime park board member Dr. David Gaiser, is a greenhouse filled with plants from around the world. It's free to visit year-round and shows off seasonal displays thanks to the Friends of Manito, a group that helps keep the park blooming.

**Activity – “Plant Passport”** Pretend you're exploring the jungle or desert—can you find a plant with big leaves? One with spikes? One that smells good? Draw your favorite!

**Scavenger Hunt Stop: Rose & Lilac Gardens**  
I'm full of petals, colors so bright, I bloom in the day and sleep at night. With 150 roses and lilacs too, What garden smells sweet and shows every hue?

**Fun Fact:** This garden has over 150 kinds of roses and 100 kinds of lilacs—Spokane is even called The Lilac City! Some of these flowers have been blooming here for over 100 years!

**Activity:** Close your eyes and take a big sniff—what does the garden smell like to you?

**Scavenger Stop: The Scoop – Seriously Fun Flavors**  
Find the spot where cones are king and flavors rotate with the swing—award-winning scoops await with something for every taste!

**Fun Fact:** The Scoop is known for its small-batch, handcrafted ice cream and fresh waffle cones. Every day, they dream up new flavors—like Watermelon Dole, Mud Pie, and Coco Nutty Trail Mix. With vegan, dairy-free, and gluten-free options, there's something fun for everyone!

**Activity – “Design Your Dream Flavor!”**  
Draw your very own ice cream creation. What's it called? What's in it? Would it be fruity, chocolatey, crunchy, or creamy? Share it with your grown-up or even show it to the Scoop crew!

**Scavenger Stop: Park Bench Café – Snacks in the Shade**  
Where the gardens bloom and the music might play, find a bench, grab a snack, and enjoy the day!

**Fun Fact:** Since 1923, the Park Bench Café has been a favorite local hangout. Whether it's a sunny day snack, a shady picnic, or a surprise concert, this café is a cozy corner of Manito Park where memories are made.

**Activity – “Snack & Sketch”**  
Pick your favorite snack, then find a quiet picnic table. While you munch, sketch what you see around you—flowers, trees, birds, or friends!

**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 spring, don't forget to visit your local library! Enjoy story times, borrow books and games, or check out activity kits to keep your days full of learning and play. From fresh spring reads to creative projects, it's the perfect way to keep the adventure growing all season long!

### **Bonus Stop: Explore Spring Activities with EngageIRL!**

Discover a world of spring fun for kids and families in Spokane! EngageIRL connects families with local opportunities—from sports and art classes to community events—helping kids stay active, make friends, and explore new interests.

### **Bonus Stop: Your Local Public School Playground**

Visit your neighborhood school playground this spring! Warmer weather and blooming trees make it the perfect spot to climb, slide, and play. Tip: Playgrounds are closed during school hours and for an hour after—weekends are a great time to visit!

### **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: GLOW STAYCATION**

Glow will be visiting 5 neighborhoods and hosting different PLAY and Learn activities! All ages welcome. April 6th-10<sup>th</sup>: Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 at Underhill park will end the summer STAYCATION with a Tye-Dye party at the park! Check out GLOW's Facebook for more Spring break activities

### **Bonus Stop: Main Market Community Dinners**

Grab a yummy hot dinner for just five dollars at Main Market! This is a special spot where neighbors come together to share fresh, healthy food!!

**Bonus Tip! Until the Farmers Market opens again in May, you can still visit the Scale House year-round for farm-fresh fruits, veggies, meats, and dairy. It's an indoor market and community hub right by a bus stop, making it easy to access: 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 spring stop and share it with #LaunchFamilyFun on Facebook or Instagram for a chance to win a fresh spring gift basket!**

**We'll be picking one lucky winner each month throughout the spring season.**

**Keep exploring whether it's history, nature, or your local community, there's so much to discover in the bright, blooming days of spring!**

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