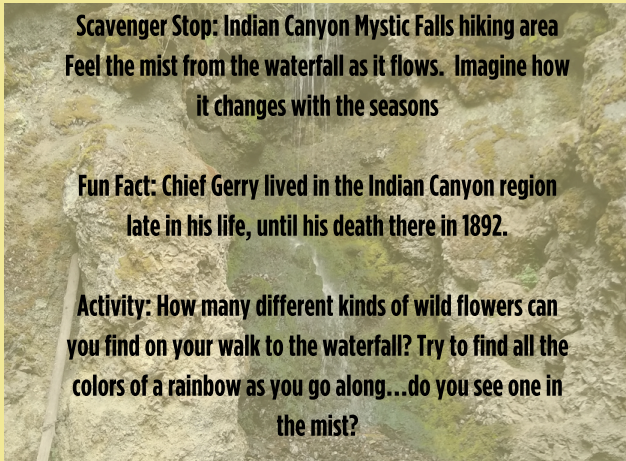




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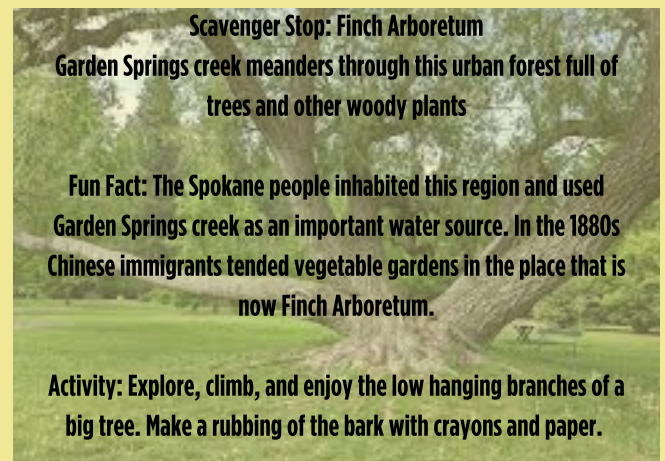
NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT



Scavenger Stop: Indian Canyon Mystic Falls hiking area
Feel the mist from the waterfall as it flows. Imagine how it changes with the seasons

Fun Fact: Chief Gerry lived in the Indian Canyon region late in his life, until his death there in 1892.

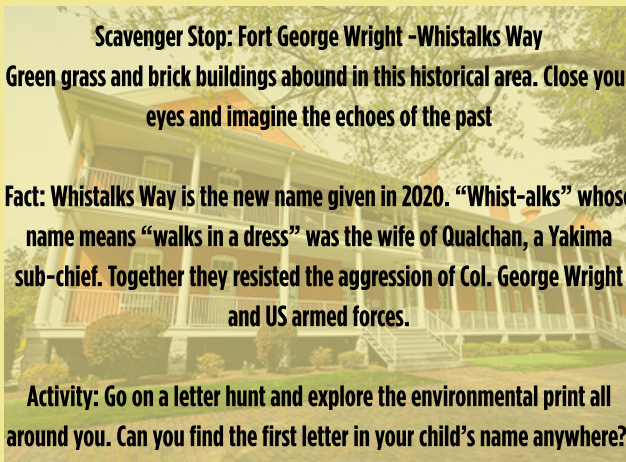
Activity: How many different kinds of wild flowers can you find on your walk to the waterfall? Try to find all the colors of a rainbow as you go along...do you see one in the mist?



Scavenger Stop: Finch Arboretum
Garden Springs creek meanders through this urban forest full of trees and other woody plants

Fun Fact: The Spokane people inhabited this region and used Garden Springs creek as an important water source. In the 1880s Chinese immigrants tended vegetable gardens in the place that is now Finch Arboretum.

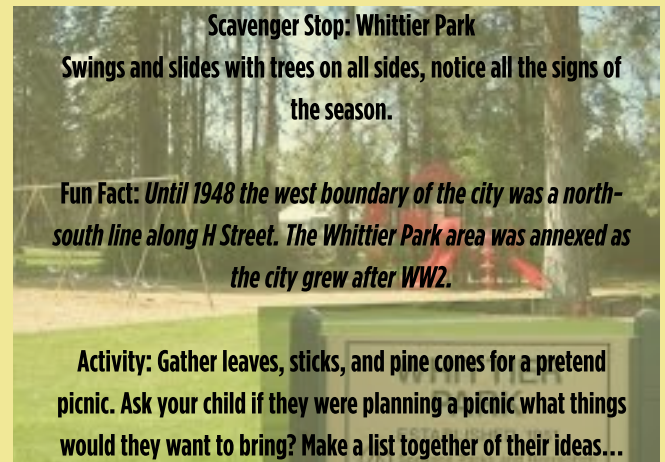
Activity: Explore, climb, and enjoy the low hanging branches of a big tree. Make a rubbing of the bark with crayons and paper.



Scavenger Stop: Fort George Wright -Whistalks Way
Green grass and brick buildings abound in this historical area. Close your eyes and imagine the echoes of the past

Fact: Whistalks Way is the new name given in 2020. "Whist-alks" whose name means "walks in a dress" was the wife of Qualchan, a Yakima sub-chief. Together they resisted the aggression of Col. George Wright and US armed forces.

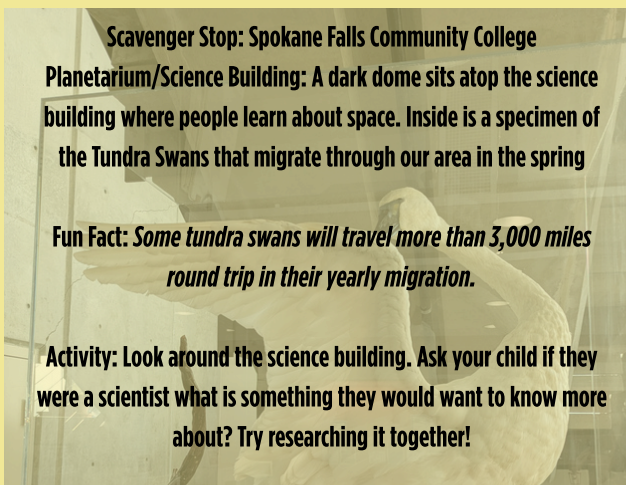
Activity: Go on a letter hunt and explore the environmental print all around you. Can you find the first letter in your child's name anywhere?



Scavenger Stop: Whittier Park
Swings and slides with trees on all sides, notice all the signs of the season.

Fun Fact: *Until 1948 the west boundary of the city was a north-south line along H Street. The Whittier Park area was annexed as the city grew after WW2.*

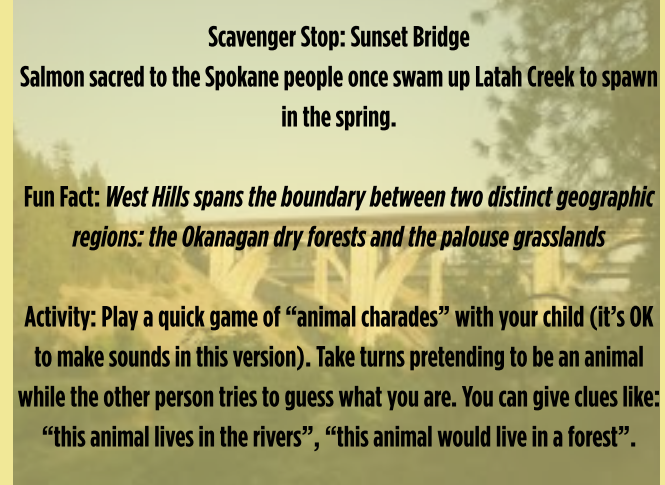
Activity: Gather leaves, sticks, and pine cones for a pretend picnic. Ask your child if they were planning a picnic what things would they want to bring? Make a list together of their ideas...



Scavenger Stop: Spokane Falls Community College Planetarium/Science Building: A dark dome sits atop the science building where people learn about space. Inside is a specimen of the Tundra Swans that migrate through our area in the spring

Fun Fact: *Some tundra swans will travel more than 3,000 miles round trip in their yearly migration.*

Activity: Look around the science building. Ask your child if they were a scientist what is something they would want to know more about? Try researching it together!



Scavenger Stop: Sunset Bridge
Salmon sacred to the Spokane people once swam up Latah Creek to spawn in the spring.

Fun Fact: *West Hills spans the boundary between two distinct geographic regions: the Okanagan dry forests and the palouse grasslands*

Activity: Play a quick game of "animal charades" with your child (it's OK to make sounds in this version). Take turns pretending to be an animal while the other person tries to guess what you are. You can give clues like: "this animal lives in the rivers", "this animal would live in a forest".

**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, 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. Cool off on hot days or check out their calendar to see what's happening <https://events.spokanelibrary.org/events?>

Bonus Stop: Explore Activities with EngageIRL!

Discover a world of 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. Find out more at: <https://engageirl.com>

Bonus Stop: Your Local Public School Playground

Visit your neighborhood school playground! Warmer weather and summer break make it the perfect spot to climb, slide, and play. Tip: Playing at your local school is a great way to stay connected or get familiar before kindergarten.

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 Scavenger Spotlights!

Keep an eye out this summer for our GLOW Scavenger Spotlights. We will be meeting up in some of the neighborhood parks with fun activities to highlight our scavenger hunts. Join us for the fun before jumping off to explore the other scavenger stops in the neighborhood!

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!!

Farmers Markets For Community and Fun:

Throughout the summer and into October, Farmers Markets are happening all around town. Fairwood Farmers Market: Tue. 3-7pm; Spokane Farmers Market: Wed. 8am-1pm; Kendall Yards Night Market: Wed. 5-8pm; Perry St. Market: Thur. 3-7pm; Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market: Fri. 3-7pm; Wonder Saturday Market: Sat. 9am-1pm

* You've completed the adventure — for now! *

Celebrate with your family and friends! Make a heart with your hands at your favorite scavenger stop and share it with #LaunchFamilyFun on Facebook or Instagram for a chance to win a gift basket!

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

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

