

Capital Bike Presents:

Gordon Head/UVic Scavenger Hunt

Go By Bike Week 



About this

Scavenger Hunt

May 31 - June 6 2021

Welcome Scavenger Hunters!

Planning on logging those kms during Go By Bike Week but not sure where to go? We've got you covered!

Without our usual Celebration Stations to visit, Capital Bike has restarted our popular Neighbourhood Rides program with a few special rides released during Go By Bike Week 2021. To complete this Scavenger Hunt, solve the clues below, taking pictures at your favourite locations, then share them on social media with the hashtag "#GoByBikeWeek2021" to be entered to win prizes. Otherwise, you can send in photo submissions to james@biketowork.ca.

Log This Ride!

Log rides at www.GoByBikeBC.ca ! It's easy! You can even link your Strava account to make tracking kms even easier.

How the rides work:

For each Discovery Ride and Scavenger Hunt we provide both an information sheet including clues and points of interest, as well as a custom Google Map to help make finding the route easier. Find this ride's google map here:

<http://ow.ly/PGAW50EVhv2>

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Please follow the COVID-19 Provincial Health Officer guidelines and protocols, as well as any local municipal guidelines in your community, while participating in Go By Bike activities.

Gordon Head Clues

Scavenger Hunt

1. Find the oldest house in all of Saanich that is still standing. This frontier cottage was built in 1860 with a simple two bedrooms, a sitting room, and a lean-to kitchen. The house was moved from its original location on the corner of Kenmore Road and Torquay Drive to one of the largest parks in Gordon Head in 1978.
2. Just to the east of the actual “Gordon Head,” which juts out into the ocean, is a cove that was once the site of a Lekwungen village. It is called Kwatsech, the Lekwungen word for Gordon Head. Find this cove.
3. Gordon Head is bordered to the west by the Blenkinsop Valley. This statue of farmer Roy Hawes along the Lochside Trail commemorates the farmers of the valley. Snap a picture next to this well-known statue at one of the Lochside’s busiest spots.
4. There are approximately 100 electric vehicle charging stations in Greater Victoria. We found three in Gordon Head and Ten Mile Point; can you locate them? Hint: they can be found near clues 1 and 7.
5. Find a large stadium so-named because it was built 100 years after Canadian Confederation. The original seating capacity of this stadium was 3,000, and was briefly expanded to 30,000 when it served as the main stadium for the 1994 Commonwealth Games. The stadium can now accommodate 5,000 spectators. Hint: Go Vikes!

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6. This theatre is beloved for its screenings of documentaries, foreign, indie, and classic films. Though currently closed due to Covid-19, the theatre has virtual screenings for online rentals. Take a picture in front of this great theatre.
7. The largest library on Vancouver Island is found in Gordon Head, named for a wealthy benefactor whose contributions were guided by the thought that the growth of a university was the “single most important factor in the progress of a city.” Today the library is also home to a diverse archive, featuring collections on everything from Victoria’s Chinatown history to Anarchist literature, from 75 years worth of field notes from “the father of Canadian ecology,” to early maps of colonial BC. Take a photo in front of the library.
8. This community garden features individual plots for students, as well as communal plots for food banks which are tended to by weekly volunteer work parties. See what veggies you can identify at the garden from the nearby path.
9. This water tower is one of the last remaining in Saanich and supplied one of Gordon Head’s numerous strawberry farms with water in the early 20th century. Today you can find the water tower on the edge of University of Victoria property, just before a steep hill leading to our next seaside clue.
10. There have been 300 recorded sightings of this mythical creature, nicknamed “Caddy.” Sea lions, giant oarfish, and the carcasses of basking sharks have been misidentified as this elusive cryptid for almost 100 years. Find the bright red concrete replica of this sea monster in a popular beachside park.
11. This kayak launching spot in Ten Mile Point was once a key location for smugglers between the 1860s and the 1930s. First, Opium (legal in Canada until 1908) was smuggled into Washington State, followed by alcohol during prohibition in the US (1920-1933). Find this historic cove.

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12. Bonus: Another historic cove in Ten Mile Point shares its name with a famous north island tourist destination. This cove was the site of Vancouver Island's first telegraph connection (with Olympia, Washington) in 1861 and became the location for a dynamite factory in 1865. Find this other historic cove. The easternmost point on all of Vancouver Island is located in Ten Mile Point. Can you find it?

Congratulations! You have completed the Fernwood Scavenger Hunt.

Remember to post a photo from your ride using #GoByBikeWeek2021 on social media, or send a photo to james@biketowork.ca to be entered to win prizes for this Neighbourhood Ride.