

The Driftless Historium's 2023

Downtown Mount Horeb Scavenger Hunt

General walking directions are provided, and all clues are in the order they will be encountered on the walk. This is a circular, counterclockwise route, starting and ending at the Driftless Historium. Please be careful crossing the streets!

Head out of the museum and turn to your right, walking south along Second Street.

1. You'll come across the Military Ridge State Trail, which used to be a railroad track. Here, you can see the Norwegian flag flying near the American flag. Describe the Norwegian flag; draw it if you prefer. _____

Cross 2nd Street at the trail's crosswalk and turn left to head north toward Main Street.

2. On the corner of Second and Front Streets, you'll see a large, light-colored brick building. Cheese used to be made here. Today it is a restaurant bearing the name of a creature of Norwegian folklore; this particular creature has a less than sunny disposition. What is it called?

Walk to Main Street and turn right, without crossing the street.

3. Walk long Main Street until you find a building with several signs showing the Norwegian flag. This business has a name with a word that in Danish, Swedish and Norwegian means "cheers" and is used to give a toast. What is this Scandinavian word? _____
4. Continue walking along Main Street until you see a white building set away from Main Street, in fact it is facing the next street (Third Street). This building was built over 100 years ago for a Norwegian immigrant to house his general store. From Main Street, as you look at the side of the building, you will see three windows and a door. One of the three windows looks different than the other two; name one way in which this window is different from the others.

Cross Main Street at the next available crosswalk (at the corner of Main and Third Streets).

5. You should be in front of the Chamber of Commerce. There are creatures on the roof of this building. What are they? Here's a hint: they were often carved on the front of Viking ships!

6. Walk along Main Street away from Third Street (you're walking east). Very soon you should see one of Mount Horeb's many troll statues. What is this one holding? Here's a bonus question for you, what does this troll have on his toenail? _____

Continue to walk east on Main Street.

7. Look for a house with Norwegian flower painting called “rosemaling;” today this is a store that sells Scandinavian treasures. There’s a carved animal on the front door; what is the animal?

Head back westward along Main Street; cross Third Street, staying on the north side of Main Street. Continue west and cross Second Street, then turn right so you’re walking north on Second Street.

8. As you walk up Second Street, look for a building with a pointed tower on its roof. This building was also built over 100 years ago. What type of building do you think this is? (If you need a hint, a nearby sign tells you the answer) _____

9. Turn around and begin to walk back toward Main Street. As you do, look for a colorful sign on the *back* of a store (if you get to Main Street, you passed it). This sign refers to the restaurant that used to be housed in this building. Name one thing it used to sell. _____

Walk to Main Street and turn right, without crossing the street. You’re now heading west on the north side of Main Street.

10. Can you find seven red roses on a building? Which building are they on? If you reach the Sugar Troll, you’ve missed the roses; turn back and look again. (Hint: they’re about the size of your open hand) _____

Continue your walk west along Main Street.

11. Now you’re looking for a very tall light post with a bright red hood over the light (staying on Main Street, you’ll cross one street to get there). The building just to the right of this light post used to be a gas station with an auto mechanic; do you see the two large doors where cars were driven into the station? Look in the corner window of this building; name an animal you see in the window.

Turn around and walk back east along Main Street. Once you reach the store Moonhill Mercantile, cross Main Street at the crosswalk. Continue south along First Street.

12. At the corner of First and Front Streets, look for four old photographs taken in Mount Horeb. Which photograph is your favorite? _____

Continue east along Front Street and turn left at Second Street to get back to the museum.

Return your completed scavenger hunt to the Driftless Historium to take advantage of a special offer.