

Scandihoovian Winter Festival 2024

Downtown Troll Town Scavenger Hunt

Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

General walking directions are provided, and all clues are in the order they will be encountered on the walk. This is a circular, clockwise route—so you should end up where you started—and everything can be seen from the sidewalks. **Remember to be careful crossing the streets!**

Head out of the museum and turn right. Walk south to the first corner (Second and Front Streets). Use the crosswalk here to go to the other side of Second Street.

1. You will be in front of a light-colored brick building with a not-so-happy troll on its sign. This building was once used to produce cheese, but now is a brewery. Beer is often stored in barrels, some of which can be seen above the door to this building. How many barrels do you see? _____

From here, continue heading south along Second Street until you reach a troll riding a tricycle.

2. Behind this troll you will see a sign that is part of the Planet Trek Dane County installation. This installation was created along the trail system in 2009 by UW's Space Place. Planet Trek begins at Monona Terrace in Madison and ends here in Mount Horeb. What former planet is pictured on this sign? _____

Head back to Second Street and cross the street at the crosswalk.

3. To your right will be a building that once sold farm equipment including tractors. One of the large photos on the side of this building shows another type of vehicle. Can you name it? _____

Go back to the Military Ridge State Trail; continue to walk west along the trail until you come to First Street (if the trail is impassable, you can walk through the adjacent parking lot instead); use the crosswalk to get to the other (west) side of First Street.

4. Look for a large white building that was once a feed mill (where they made food for livestock). There are several colorful pieces of artwork on this building. What general shapes are these pieces of artwork?

Head north up First Street until you reach Main St. Turn left here and walk more than a block west on Main St.

5. Keep your eyes open for a small target up above your head. This target is part of a sign letting people know what business is on the second floor of the building. How many arrows are sticking out of the target? _____

Turn back the way you came and walk east staying on the south side of Main Street. When you get to Mount Horeb's only traffic light, **stop and look** across Main Street.

6. Look for a large, light-colored brick building with red trim around the door and windows. High above, you will see two pictures in the stone. These two images pay tribute to Mount Horeb's agricultural history as many settlers who came here established themselves as farmers on their arrival. What words are written on top of these two images? _____

Use the crosswalk to cross to the north side of Main Street (toward the building we just looked at), and then turn right, crossing over Second Street.

7. As you walk along Main Street, look for a tiny face above a doorway (if you get to Third Street, you've gone too far). What is the address number on this building? _____

Continue your walk east on Main Street.

8. Look for a small-ish Norwegian-style building called a stabbur. This small structure is a replica of a food storage building that would have been used historically on farms in Norway. What is the stabbur made from?

Continue your walk east on Main Street.

9. Many of the buildings along this section of Main Street were once family homes. Today, many of these homes have been made into businesses. Do you see an oversized sign in front of one of these businesses? What color is the pole for this sign? _____

Continue walking east on Main Street.

10. Soon you will come across one of Mount Horeb's many troll statues. This one is based on a Norwegian fairy tale about a group of goats trying to cross a bridge when they are stopped by the fearsome troll under the bridge. How many goats are trying to cross the bridge? _____

Continue east on Main Street until you get to the three-way intersection at the corner of Springdale and East Main Streets. Use the crosswalk here.

11. Look for a two-tone brick building that used to be a Shell gas station; you can still see the rounded entrance of the station on the front of the building. Can you spot an image of Mount Horeb's Viking heritage on this building? What image do you see? _____

Head back along Main Street, on the south side of the street this time. Turn left when you get to Fourth Street.

12. Do you see a very brightly colored house? This house is a Queen Anne style home that was built in 1906 by one of Mount Horeb's most important contractors—Knut Kleven from nearby Klevenville. What colors were used more recently to paint this house? _____

Head back north on Fourth Street and turn left once you get to Main Street.

13. Keep walking until you reach a small light-colored, brick building with wood paneling around the door (if you reach Skål you've gone too far). This small building once was home to a furniture store; it will soon be home to Taste by Artemis. Can you find the last name of the man who built this building? (Hint: it is written on the building) _____

Continue walking west along Main Street until you reach the corner of Main and Second Streets, then turn left.

14. Look for a piece of art that reminds you of springtime. Write down the color of your favorite flower. Here's a bonus question. Can you name any of the flowers?

You're finished!

Return to the Driftless Historium for your prize (and the answers)