Haverhill, MA

Sample Scavenger Hunt

Map of Hunt Area, Haverhill, MA

Information

Welcome to the Haverhill, MA Sample Scavenger Hunt! This scavenger hunt will give you an idea of how the other, full-sized hunts are organized. Haverhill was settled by Native Americans and originally known as Pentucket until it was purchased by Puritans in 1642 and renamed. A major feature of Haverhill is the Merrimack River which was used by sawmills, gristmills, and other industries. Haverhill was the home of the shoe making industry for many years, lending it the nickname "Queen Slipper City." Rob Zombie and Tom Bergeron are from Haverhill, too.

Today, Haverhill is home to almost 70,000 residents. This ten item hunt is centered around downtown Haverhill, Massachusetts. It can be completed by foot if you want a longer walk, or by car if you wish to drive to a few of the locations. There is also a free bus service. It is accessible for most, though some sidewalks can be uneven downtown.

Scavenger Hunt

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- ☐ **Haverhill Public Library**: The original building opened on November 18, 1875, and it has been a place of education, relaxation, enrichment, and fun for the residents of Haverhill ever since. Go play a song on the outdoor musical instruments to complete this challenge. **Bonus Challenge**: Step inside and find the life-sized statue of George Washington!

- ☐ **Giant Shoe**: Haverhill is home to many giant shoe statues since it is known as Queen Slipper City. Each shoe is designed by a different artist. Find at least one shoe statue to complete this challenge. **Bonus Challenge**: Find the shoe in front of City Hall. This building was Bob Montana's inspiration for the high school in the Archie Comics.

- ☐ **Macy's Parade**: Did you know the first Macy's parade happened right here in Haverhill? It was for the 4th of July, and the parade was poorly attended, but he didn't give up. Walk down Merrimack Street in downtown Haverhill and imagine a parade going by.

- ☐ **Washington Square**: in the 1780's, George Washington spent the night at Harrod's Tavern in downtown Haverhill. He thanked the residents and enjoyed the joy of the town. Find the plaque on the sidewalk in the center of downtown commemorating his visit.

- ☐ **Locally Owned Store**: Downtown Haverhill is home to many unique stores. From the spooky and kooky Evens and Oddities to vintage toys and candy at The Time Machine, find at least one locally owned, unique store to complete this challenge. **Bonus Challenge**: Buy a button, treat, or other small souvenir of your adventure today.

- ☐ **Wall Mural/Building Art**: Haverhill is home to many wall murals on buildings throughout town. Find at least one example of building art today to complete this challenge.

- ☐ **Art Gallery**: From the Friends of the Library shop to other locally owned art galleries and centers, Haverhill is a big supporter of the artists in town. Browse one of the local art stores to complete this challenge!

- ☐ **Harbor Walkway**: The Merrimack River runs through Haverhill, and it has always been an important part of the area. Today, take a walk on the harbor and admire the beauty of the Merrimack River.

☐ **Refreshing Beverage**: Downtown Haverhill boasts many restaurants that draw people from all over with their tempting fare. From pubs to fine dining, boba tea to coffee, you can find lots of treats to satisfy any appetite. To complete this challenge, choose a locally owned place to grab a drink of your choice.

☐ **Welcome to Haverhill Sign**: As you enter Haverhill from the west, you'll be greeted with a giant sign welcoming you! Look up at the train bridge to complete this challenge. **Bonus Challenge**: Find the MBTA station near this sign. Both the Boston commuter rail and the Amtrak connect here!

Essex Street Gateway Mural

Haverhill Library and Shoe Statue(left), Evens and Oddities Storefront(right)

Additional Sources

Buttonwoods Museum: https://www.haverhillhistory.org/

Creative Haverhill: https://www.creativehaverhill.org/

Essex Street Gateway Mural: https://teamhaverhill.org/projects/arts/esgm/

Haverhill Public Library: https://haverhillpl.org/

Macy Parade: https://whav.net/2023/11/23/haverhills-santa-claus-connection/

Merrimack Valley Transit: https://mevatransit.com/routes/

Parking: https://www.haverhillma.gov/roads-parking-and-transportation/parking/

Public Art in Haverhill: https://teamhaverhill.org/projects/arts/other-public-art/

The Time Machine: https://thetimemachine.fun