



FOREST FRIENDS TREASURE HUNT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

MAHON PARK (JONES AVENUE TRAIL HEAD ENTRANCE)

LET'S CELEBRATE THAT WE LIVE IN A CITY THAT HAS URBAN FORESTS AND TRAILS! WE HAVE RECENTLY ADDED A SELECTION OF TRAILS WITH CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE NORTHSHORECULTURECOMPASS.CA. EXPLORE ONE OF THESE TRAILS, LOCATED AT THE HEART OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER, MAHON PARK. DISCOVER THE HISTORY, PUBLIC ART, AND CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION INITIATIVES THAT THIS GREEN OASIS HAS TO OFFER.



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YOUR TASK:

1. USING THE CLUES AND MAP, FIND A LETTER AT EACH OF THE LOCATIONS.
2. ONCE YOU'VE FOUND THEM ALL, UNSCRAMBLE TO FIND YOUR CODE WORD.
3. CLAIM YOUR PIECE OF TREASURE FROM CITYSCAPE COMMUNITY ARTSPACE DURING OPENING HOURS AND ENTER YOUR DETAILS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE.



CLUE 1: MAHON PARK (JONES AVENUE TRAIL HEAD ENTRANCE) 1759 JONES AVE

EDWARD MAHON ARRIVED IN BC WITH HIS BROTHER IN 1888. THEY BOUGHT LAND AND WENT ON TO FORM THE VANCOUVER LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. THEIR LEGACY INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAHON PARK, VICTORIA PARK, OTTAWA GARDENS, GRAND BOULEVARD, WAGG CREEK PARK AND GREENWOOD PARK. MAHON PARK WAS SOLD TO THE CITY IN 1914, ALONG WITH A DANCE PAVILION AND A TRACK WITH A LARGE GRANDSTAND SEATING 1000 PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE PARK, NOW NAMED FEN BURDETT STADIUM.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST NAME OF EDWARD'S BROTHER? TAKE THE LAST LETTER.
HINT: YOU'LL FIND THE NAME ON THE INFORMATION BOARD.



CLUE 2: START HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL..

AS YOU HAVE PROBABLY EXPERIENCED, VANCOUVER HAS A LOT OF RAIN... HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE ALL THE RAIN GOES ONCE IT HITS THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS? ANSWER: INTO CREEKS LIKE THIS ONE!

WAGG CREEK, HAS A WATER CATCHMENT AREA SPANNING ALL THE WAY UP TO GRAND BOULEVARD. WAGG AND MISSION CREEKS ARE PART OF A WIDER NORTH SHORE STREAM SYSTEM THAT HAS HISTORICALLY SUPPORTED HEALTHY POPULATIONS OF COHO AND CHUM SALMON. IN THE FALL YOU MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO SPOT SALMON MAKING THEIR JOURNEY UPSTREAM, WHERE THEY WILL SPAWN AND THEN REACH THE END OF THEIR LIFECYCLE. THIS ALSO IS AN IMPORTANT HABITAT FOR STEELHEAD AND CUTTHROAT TROUT.

AS YOU ENTER THE PARK, WHAT SIDE IS THE STREAM ON?
TAKE THE 4TH LETTER FROM THAT WORD. NOTICE HOW IT ENDS
UP ON YOUR OTHER SIDE AS YOU HEAD DOWN THE TRAIL!



SINCE YOU'RE HERE:

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SALMON, WATCH FOR OUR SEPTEMBER TREASURE HUNT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COHO SOCIETY OF THE NORTH SHORE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION & REVITALIZATION OF SALMON STREAMS AND RIVERS.

CLUE 3: ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE THIRD BRIDGE..

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BRIDGES ALONG THIS TRAIL THAT FEATURE ARTISTIC PANELS. THIS PIECE OF PUBLIC ART, TITLED 'BY WATER BREATHE' (2004), IS BY ARTIST KATHERINE KERR. TOGETHER THE PANELS MAKE UP A CONTEMPLATIVE WALKING POEM ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE STREAM AND THE FOREST. READ IT OUT LOUD AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY DOWN THE TRAIL AND NOTICE THE DIFFERENT PATTERNS AND ANIMALS CUT INTO THE METAL.

ON THE THIRD BRIDGE, YOU WILL FIND THE WORDS 'ON YOUR SKIN'.
WHAT IS CARVED INTO THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THIS PANEL?
TAKE THE 2ND LETTER OF THIS WORD.



CLUE 4: BONUS LETTER TIME!

HEAD TO THE END OF THE TRAIL AS THE REMAINING CLUES CAN BE COMPLETED FROM YOUR DESKTOP! ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR WALK. YOU CAN NOW EXIT ON THE EAST TO 15TH ST W OR CONTINUE ON THE REST OF THE PATH TO KEITH RD. PLEASE NOTE, YOU DO NOT NEED THIS LETTER TO COMPLETE THE TREASURE HUNT.

DURING THE REMAINDER OF YOUR WALK, CAN YOU SPOT A WOODEN ANIMAL IN THE STREAM? TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF THE SECOND WORD PAINTED ON THIS ANIMAL!



CLUE 5: ONLINE!
NAVIGATE TO THE NORTHSHORECULTURECOMPASS.CA

FUN FACT! THE TRAILS IN MAHON PARK ARE A FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION ZONE TO HELP PROTECT THE DIVERSE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE PARK. ON THESE TRAILS DOGS MUST BE LEASHED, BICYCLES ARE NOT ALLOWED, AND VISITORS MUST STAY ON THE MARKED TRAILS TO AVOID DESTROYING PLANT LIFE. IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING OUR CITIES EXISTING FLORA AND FAUNA ARE OFTEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED ALTOGETHER. AS AWARENESS SURROUNDING THE IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY GROWS, MANY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE INCREASED FOCUS ON REHABILITATING URBAN FORESTS. MAHON PARK IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THIS WORK. THIS 64 ACRE PARK PROVIDES HABITAT FOR SALAMANDERS, RIVER OTTERS AND WOODPECKERS, TO NAME A FEW!

THE EAGLE OR SP'ÁKW'US IS ANOTHER ANIMAL FOUND IN MAHON PARK. FOR THE SQUAMISH AND TSLEIL-WAUTUTH PEOPLE, THE EAGLE IS RESPECTED AND POWERFUL. THEY ARE SPIRITUAL MESSENGERS FOR THE PEOPLE, BRINGING PRAYERS UP TO THE CREATOR. THEY ARE AN INSPIRATION AND ARE APPRECIATED FOR THEIR ABILITY TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE ON THE HORIZON AS WELL AS FOCUS ON SMALL DETAIL.

NAVIGATE TO THE FIRST NATIONS CATEGORY OF THE NORTH SHORE CULTURE COMPASS. FIND THE PAW PRINT ICON LOCATED AT MAHON PARK. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ARTIST WHO CREATED THE ARTWORK OF THE EAGLE? TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF HER FIRST NAME.


 SINCE YOU'RE HERE:  CLICK ON THE OTHER PAW PRINTS TO DISCOVER OTHER SIGNIFICANT COAST SALISH ANIMALS.

CLUE 6: ONLINE!
NAVIGATE TO THE NORTHSHORECULTURECOMPASS.CA

COASTAL WESTERN HEMLOCK FORESTS LIKE THIS ONE, ONCE COVERED THE NORTH SHORE OF VANCOUVER. LOWER ELEVATION FORESTS, SUCH AS MAHON PARK, ARE TYPICALLY COMPOSED OF DOUGLAS FIR, WESTERN HEMLOCK, RED ALDER AND BIGLEAF MAPLE TREES.

HEAD TO THE NORTHSHORECULTURECOMPASS.CA. NAVIGATE TO THE CULTURAL & NATURAL HERITAGE CATEGORY AND LOCATE MAHON PARK ON THE MAP. FIND A LISTING CALLED 'CULTURALLY MODIFIED TREES'. LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW SOME TREES ARE USED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FOR TRADITIONAL USES, AND HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE TREES.

WHICH TREE HAS BEEN A COMMON FOREST SPECIES IN THIS AREA FOR 6,000 YEARS? TAKE THE 1ST LETTER OF THE NAME'S FIRST WORD. 

 SINCE YOU'RE HERE: CHECK OUT THE FIRST NATIONS CATEGORY. IT FEATURES A SWIPE TOOL THAT ALLOWS YOU TO VIEW A FIRST NATIONS LAND MAP OF THE NORTH SHORE, REMOVING BUILDINGS, ROADS, PARKS, AND ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LABELS. AS YOU DRAG THE TOOL ACROSS THE SCREEN, THE NATURAL LAND, WATERWAYS, MOUNTAINS AND THE PRONUNCIATION AND SPELLING OF SQUAMISH PLACE NAMES ARE SHOWCASED.

YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT THE NEW TRAILS CATEGORY TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR NEXT NORTH SHORE HIKING ADVENTURE.

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HAVE YOU GOT ALL THE LETTERS AND UNSCRAMBLED THEM TO FIND THE CODE WORD? CONGRATULATIONS! HEAD INTO CITYSCAPE COMMUNITY ARTSPACE (335 LONSDALE AVE, NORTH VANCOUVER) DURING OPENING HOURS TO CLAIM YOUR PIECE OF TREASURE & ENTER THE GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

MON-FRI: 9AM – 5PM SAT- SUN: NOON – 5PM
CHECK BACK IN AUGUST FOR OUR 'ART AROUND TOWN' TREASURE HUNT!

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AND SPEAKING OF FORESTS, DON'T MISS THIS UPCOMING EXHIBIT AT CITYSCAPE COMMUNITY ARTSPACE:

STALKAYA - K'ELHMÁY/ΧÁΠΑΨAY
JULY 24 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

NORTH VAN ARTS IS PROUD TO PRESENT STALKAYA - K'ELHMÁY/ΧÁΠΑΨAY. THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES 'SANCTUARY', A 360° IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE THAT TAKES YOU TO THE HEART OF A FOREST THAT HAS EXISTED SINCE THE LAST ICE AGE. ALONGSIDE THIS IMMERSIVE FILMIC ADVENTURE IS A COLLECTION OF ARTWORK, CURATED BY CEASE WYSS, THAT EXPLORES SKWXWU7MESH (SQUAMISH) PEOPLE'S RELATIONSHIP TO CEDAR AND TO THE ANCIENT FORESTS THAT HOUSE THESE SACRED TREES. THE EXHIBITION TITLE REFERS TO THE NAME OF THE AREA OF ONE SUCH ANCIENT FOREST (STALKAYA) FOLLOWED BY THE TWO WORDS FOR YELLOW AND RED CEDAR.