

# Scavenger Hunt: In Overlook Neighborhood (N Portland)

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**I'm Taking you on a scavenger hunt in  
N Portland during the fall season in  
November!**

**Please remember to:**

# Incorporate your senses

## 1 | Smell

Smell something new, like sap.  
Or a flower.

## 2 | Touch

Something that looks  
different. These feel  
rubbery...or hug a tree.



## 3 | Listen

Stop and listen. How many  
different sounds you can hear?  
Maybe you hear two different  
kinds of birds, people talking,  
cars going by?!

# A few other things to *research* while on walk

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1. How many colors do you see outside?
2. What season is it? And what do you notice about the climate?
3. Have you noticed something new? Or something you have never noticed before on your neighborhood walk?

# Neighborhood Scavenger hunt:

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1. Find different sizes and colors of leaves. If you find a pattern you love take a few with you for more activity ideas you can do at home.



## 2. Find a leaf as big as your face

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# 3. Find an animal in your neighborhood

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4. Can you find a crack in the sidewalk or pavement? If so, jump over it. Maybe you can even create a hopscotch effect!





## 5. Find some street or wall art



## 6. Find the specified bicycle lane or street



**7. Find a colorful flower. Smell and touch it if it's leaves or petals are on the ground!**



8. Find a bud and guess what it will turn into.



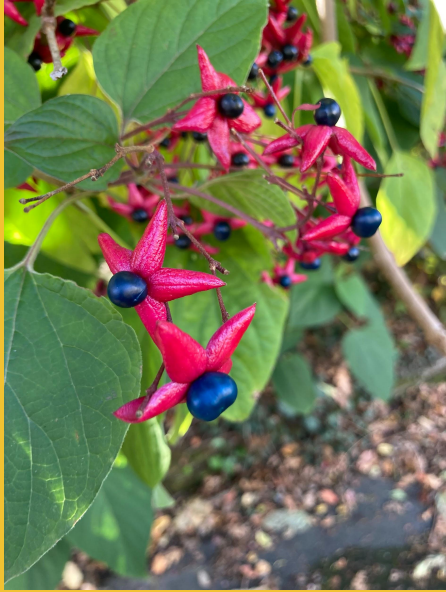
9. Find a puddle and jump over it, run through it, jump in it, or find a reflection!



# 10. Find something in the shape of a heart.



# 11. Find a wild berry or something round

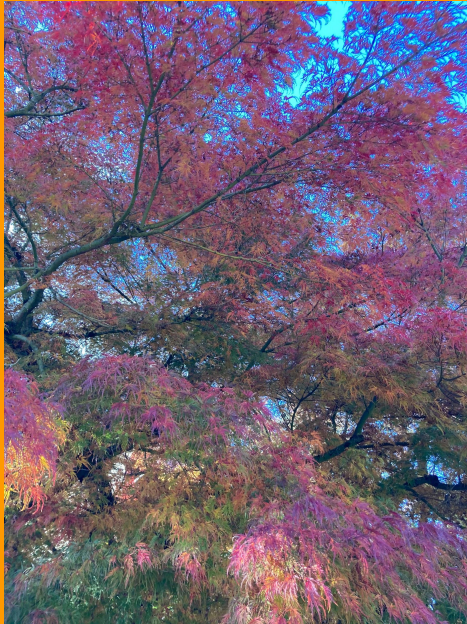


**12. Find a naked or bare tree, one that lost its leaves of course.**





13. Find a tree that is covered. Could be pine needles, leaves, pinecones, bark...



# 14. Find an antique car or truck.



15. Find a pine cone and note its weight. Also, how does it feel prickly, sticky? Does it smell? These smell like sap.



**16. Find dew or a water droplet.**



# 17. Find a mailbox.

When does it say the mailman comes to collect the mail?



**18. Find moss and touch it. What does it feel like?!!  
How would you describe its color?**



# 19. Find a street sign with directions.



20. Find a mushroom. What does it feel like?  
Would you eat it? Can you eat it? Research it.





# 21. Climb a tree and give it reverence.



## 22. Can you find a sign that shows the history of your neighborhood?



23. Find an old alley. Walk through it if you dare!

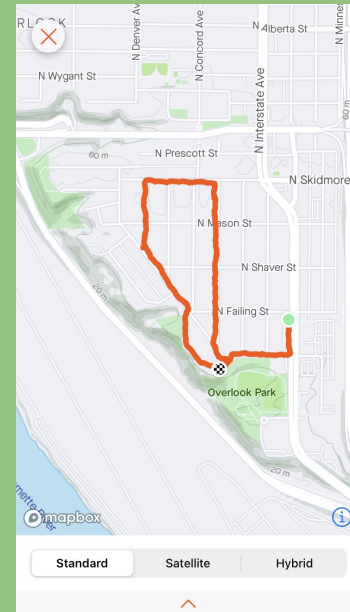
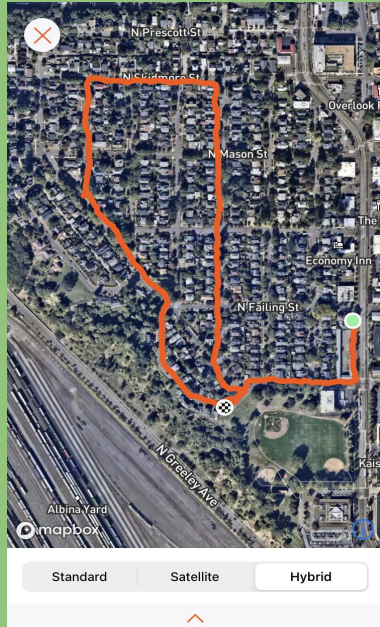


24. Find vines wrapped around a tree or growing on a wall.  
Maybe they are covering something bigger like a truck or  
shed....



# 25. Create a Map of your neighborhood walk

We found that a part of our loop was a segment on strava and was one mile long. Maybe challenge yourself to route your own mile long loop and walk or run a mile as often as you can.



# Reflect

on your favorite part of your neighborhood walk

I most enjoyed the moment we found treasures and paused to take in the beauty in our own neck of the woods. Make sure to use all your senses when exploring the scavenger hunt. Have fun and be creative!

Does your neighborhood have a community garden or park?

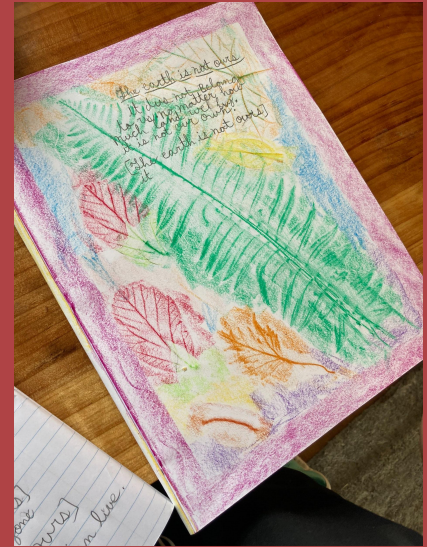
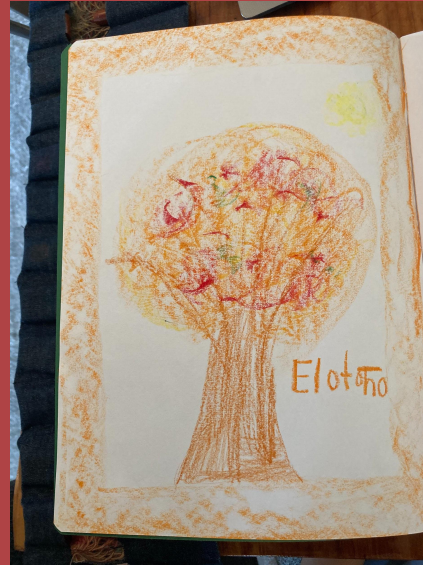


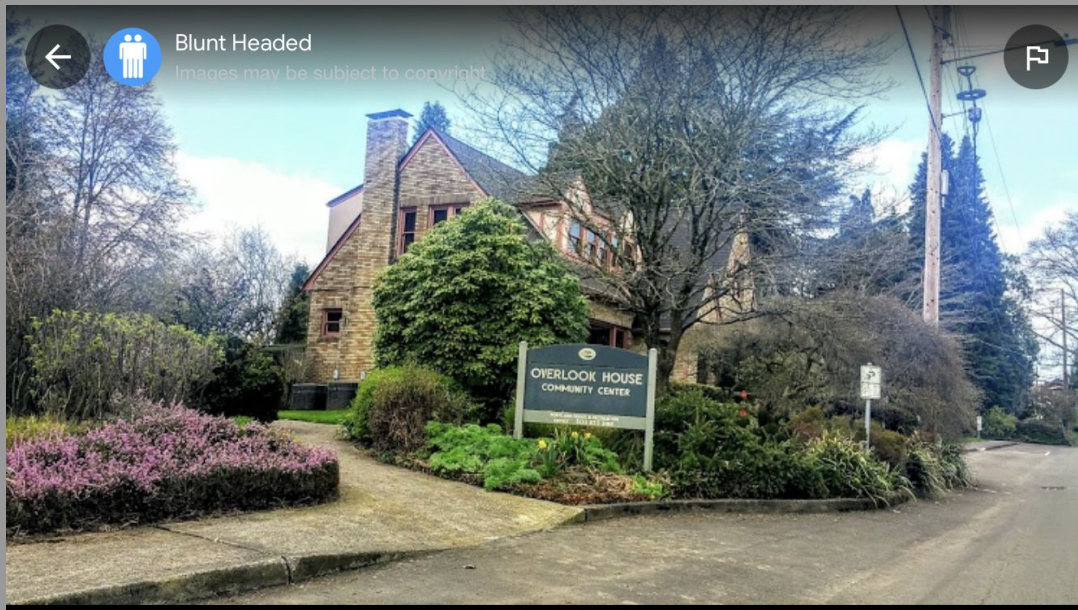
# Activities to do after scavenger hunt:

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1. Trace your leaves with a crayon to capture the texture and shape of the leaves you collected. And note your favorite thing about the walk or create a poem about your journey.
2. Draw a tree
3. Create a map of the walk you went on, include the distance and area explored.
4. Take pictures of your favorite things and then create a photo collage.
5. Explore the community garden or park in your neighborhood if you have one.

Some Examples:





Historic Overlook House & Garden





# Where would you like to explore next?

The possibilities are endless....

