



Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt

Blue Route Explorer Series

Introduction

Welcome to Calgary's Plus-15 pedestrian walkway system Scavenger Hunt. The elevated walkway system was first thought-up in the 1960's by Calgary city planners and now has become one of the largest enclosed pedestrian walkway systems in North America. The system is called Plus-15 because most of the bridges are 15 feet above street level.

Navigating your way through the Plus-15 can be simple but the Scavenger Hunt makes it a bit more challenging and more interesting. One of the easiest ways to learn how to navigate the Plus-15 system is to learn the symbols for North, South, East and West and how they relate to Calgary's physical layout.

WEST - A Mountain Range

EAST - Fort Calgary

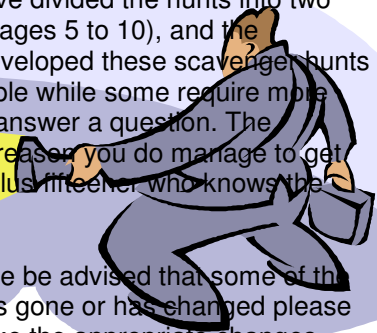
NORTH - Fish of the Bow River

SOUTH - A train on the CPR tracks

Another way to keep on track is to check the map. The Plus-15 map is situated throughout the Plus-15 on big blue pedestals. The map is easy to read and the top of the map is always pointing in the proper direction!

The Hunt!

The Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt has been a Child Friendly Calgary project for two years. Over this time a number of children and youth have assisted in the creation and testing of all of the routes available. There are currently four scavenger hunts (Blue, Yellow, Green and Red). We have divided the hunts into two series: Explorer Scavenger Hunts that are designed for younger children (ages 5 to 10), and the Pathfinder Scavenger Hunts designed for children ages 10 and up. We developed these scavenger hunts with both children and adults in mind. Some of the questions are very simple while some require more thinking out of the "box". Don't feel that you will get totally lost if you can't answer a question. The Scavenger Hunts are designed to keep you on the right track. If for some reason you do manage to get lost in the Plus-15 ...KEEP EXPLORING...you'll find a map or a friendly Plus-15 freener who knows the walkway like the back of their hand.



Although the Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt is updated when time permits please be advised that some of the clues or answers to the clues might have changed. If you find a clue that is gone or has changed please feel free to email peace@childfriendly.ab.ca and we will investigate to make the appropriate changes.

When to "Explore"

The best time to Explore the Plus 15 is on weekdays (Monday to Friday) from 9:00 am to about 4:30 pm. Weekends and holidays are not good times because a majority of the Plus-15 is locked up. Because the Plus-15 was originally designed as an alternative to walking outside (due to weather conditions) rainy, cold and blizzard days are the best time to explore not only because of the protection from the elements but there are tons of great people watching opportunities.

Have a Safe and Fun exploration of the Plus-15!

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Note: The Info Kiosk at the Municipal Building is open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Plus-15 maps are available free of charge.

Starting Location: City of Calgary Municipal Building

End Location: Petro-Canada Building

Clue 1: Look for the two bears. What color are they? _____. Look to your left (facing the bears of course) and look for the train sign.

Clue 2: Walk through the blue hallway. Find the beaver statue! Now go up the stairs and onto the bridge.

Clue 3: On the bridge how many lions can you see on the white building? _____
Keep walking into the Calgary Performing Arts Center.

Clue 4: Find the big mural in the Calgary Performing Arts Center. Look for a rider with a bow and arrow on top of a horse. What color is it? _____. While you are there, take a peek through the window across the hall. The theatre has its own set design workshop!

Clue 5: Keep walking. There is usually some cool art along the hallway. Find the office of the festival displaying the Child Friendly Calgary sunshine logo. What festival is it? _____

Clue 6: Turn around and look for clues that tell you what numbers on the radio dial will let you tune into CKUA? FM _____ AM _____

Clue 7: Keep walking. Find the Etrog statue. Grab a seat and draw your own funny sculpture (optional).

Clue 8: Keep walking through the Plus-15 onto the brown bridge. Stop here for a minute and see who can find these first:

A White Car _____ A Blue Truck _____ A Red sports car _____ A Taxi _____

Clue 9: Go into the Glenbow Plus-15. Find the television set. You're welcome to have your own little performances for each other in the corner.

Clue 10: Who painted the E's with the dots and in what year? _____

Clue 11: At the crossing of Glenbow and the Convention Centre, turn left, go over the bridge (9th Ave) and look way up at the Calgary Tower.

Clue 12: Turn left towards Encana Place. Wouldn't this hallway be cool to play in?

Clue 13: Walk down the hallway and turn right before the horseshoe and follow the Milky Way to the end. Take a break in space! How many planets are there? _____

Clue 14: Back onto your quest. Keep walking towards Encana Place. The hallway begins to turn right. Look for the "kneeling" sculpture. What is the statue made of? _____

Clue 16: On the 9th Avenue Bridge, look left at the Palliser Hotel. What do the flags stand for? _____

Clue 17: Walk into Encana Place. Take a rest at the Jungle.... You are finished!

Thanks for participating in the Blue Route Explorer series of the Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to email them to bap@cyfc.ca