



Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt

Blue Route Pathfinder 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

NORTH - Fish of the Bow River

EAST - Fort Calgary

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 hiker 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!

Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt Clues

Blue Route

Plus-15 Scavenger Hunt Clues: Pathfinder Series - Blue Route

Starting Location: City of Calgary Municipal Building

End Location: Grain Exchange Building

Clue 1: Begin your Plus-15 journey at the place where Goldilocks wouldn't want to stand. Facing the object, look high up to your left. Enter the Plus-15 where the conductor yells "ALL ABOARD"

Clue 2: Keep walking through but keep your eyes out for an animal that is on the Canadian nickel. What animal is that? _____ . Go up the stairs and past the accessible stairs.

Clue 3: How many carnivores are there on the East Side of the "Burns Building"? _____ Keep walking across the bridge and into the Epcor Centre until you get to a mural.

Clue 4: What animal is below this famous Austrian composer's signature? _____
Who is the composer? _____ . Keep walking until you see artwork on both sides.

Clue 5: Where are children and Families welcome? (Hint: think small)

Clue 6: What is the name of a place where you could broadcast your voice to all of Alberta?

Clue 7: Pass by the Etrog Statue and head for the hills. Upon entering the brown bridge answer this question: What time do the doors lock? _____

Clue 8: Walk towards the sun, passing three tree trunks. Smile you are on Candid Camera! Perform for your friends in the camera.

Clue 9: Who painted the "Big E's" and in what year? _____

Clue 10: Head to the hills towards the trains to Palliser square. Proceed over the 9th Avenue river of cars.

Clue 11: Turn right and spot the red arch. Turn left before entering the arch into the Milky Way. Follow Saturn out the door. Keep heading towards Encana Place and find the kneeling statue. Who is the artist? _____ . Follow the fish towards Encana Place.

Clue 12: Head over the "September"th avenue. Look at the hotel where the Queen of England once stayed overnight. What do the flags stand for? _____

Clue 13: Now, follow your ears towards the sound of rushing water. Take a break. Oh by the way, what building are you in? _____

Clue 14: Walk toward the spiral staircase. Proceed across the street to the front of this famous landmark business building. What building are you standing in front of?

Clue 15: What do the initials WHR stand for? _____

Clue 16: Go into the foyer of the building and find out why this building is so significant to Calgary's history? _____

Clue 17: You're done!

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