



SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore Plymouth's Historic Center

Begin and end at the Jenney Pond Parking Lot off of Summer Street, where parking is free. The total walking distance is approximately 1.5 miles.

Begin your search by reading the interpretive sign to the right of the Plimoth Grist Mill. (Hint: It's under the sign for Lucioso's.)

1.) Long before the Pilgrims arrived on the *Mayflower*, the land that is now Plymouth was home to the Wampanoag, who called it Patuxet. What is the Wampanoag term meaning "planted fields"? _____

2.) What is the name of the fish that swim up Town Brook every spring? _____

Leave the Jenney Pond area and turn right on Summer Street.

3.) What is the name of the building that was built as early as 1640? _____

Use the pedestrian crosswalk to cross Summer Street and continue to the right towards Town Square.

4.) The large white building currently being restored was built in 1749 as the county court house. What building stood on this site before 1749? _____

Enter Burial Hill using the main entrance located between the two churches in Town Square.

5.) How many steps must you climb to reach the top? _____

6.) Once you have reached the top of the stairs, take approximately 24 large steps along the northbound walkway. Stop. Turn east toward the harbor. Do you see a tall monument with a pointy top? This is called an obelisk.

Who is memorialized by this monument? _____

What years did this person govern Plymouth Colony? _____

Mental Math Challenge: In total, how many years did he serve as governor? _____

7.) Go back to the walkway and head north until you come to a set of stairs that will bring you down to School Street.

Why do you think this street has this name? _____

Turn left at the bottom of the stairs. At the end of School Street, walk to the front of Plymouth's newly renovated Town Hall.

8.) Look up to the top of the building, where you will see the figure of a woman.

What is unusual about her eyes? _____

Research Challenge: What is this figure's name and can you explain why her eyes are like this? _____

Head north on Court Street.

9.) Cross the street when you get to Pilgrim Hall, the nation's oldest continuously operating museum.

What do you see at the base of the water fountain in the front lawn? _____

How many of these creatures are there? _____

Continue heading north on Court Street.

10.) As you reach the corner of Court Street and Memorial Drive, you'll see a blue street sign. This sign lists the original name of this street. What was it? _____

Look for more blue street signs as you continue your scavenger hunt. Find two and record the original and current names.

Street Sign #1: Original _____ Current _____

Street Sign #2: Original _____ Current _____

Turn right to go down Memorial Drive.

11.) On your right you'll see a big yellow building, which is the Plymouth Antiquarian Society's Hedge House Museum. Take the big granite steps from the parking lot to the front of the house. Be careful - there may be construction happening on the lawn! Follow the brick pathway to the bell. This bell memorializes the first Frenchman to settle in Plymouth.

What was his name? _____

What was his occupation? _____

12.) Continue following the brick pathway into the garden behind the Hedge House. To whom is the garden dedicated? _____
(Hint: Look for a large stone compass.)

Leave the Hedge House property and turn right on Water Street. Cross the street at the pedestrian crosswalk to walk along the harbor.

13.) The Plymouth Scallop Roll features 29 unique 4-foot-high shells decorated by local artists. As you walk, pick two, perhaps your favorites, and describe each.

Scallop #1 Title: _____

Artist: _____

Scallop #2 Title: _____

Artist: _____

14.) Can you find the date that the harbor wall was built? _____

Cross Water Street on the pedestrian crosswalk near Brewster Street. Continue walking south on Water Street.

15.) At the corner of Water Street and North Street, you will find a fountain.

What year is on the fountain? _____

Why is this year important? _____

To whom was the fountain dedicated? _____

Turn right after the fountain and walk up North Street. Find the Plymouth Antiquarian Society's Spooner House Museum.

16.) In the 18th century, a woman named Hannah Jackson lived in this house. Look through the entryway window for a photograph of the sign she hung outside her door to advertise her business. What did she sell? _____

Start walking back towards the harbor, following Carver Street as it curves to the right toward the top of Cole's Hill.

17.) At the top of Cole's Hill is a statue of a man. What is his name? _____

Research Challenge: What does "sachem" mean? _____

18.) Turn south to the large sarcophagus containing bones believed to be those of *Mayflower* passengers who died. Count the names. How many died during the first year? _____

Retrace your steps on the top of Cole's Hill so that you're looking out at the portico (the stone monument protecting Plymouth Rock).

19.) Mental Math Challenge: How many years ago was the portico built? _____

20.) Take the steps down to Water Street. How many steps did you count? _____

Cross Water Street at the pedestrian crosswalk in front of the portico.

21.) Peek over the railing to see Plymouth Rock. What is engraved on it? _____

Why? _____

Continue south on Water Street.

22.) Find the statue of William Bradford. Provide two reasons why he was important to Plymouth Colony.

#1 _____

#2 _____

Cross Water Street and enter Brewster Gardens.

23.) Find the Immigrant Sculpture. What type of bird is located at the top? _____

What is the name of the artist? _____

24.) Find the Pilgrim Maiden. To whom is this sculpture dedicated? _____

What is she holding in her hand? _____

25.) Walk over the wooden bridge and follow Town Brook back towards the Plimoth Grist Mill. Pause under the second street bridge.

How many fish can you find in this mural? _____

Do you remember the name of these fish from the beginning of the scavenger hunt?

BONUS QUESTIONS

After finishing the scavenger hunt, consider driving to these two additional historic sites. From the Jenney Pond Parking Lot, take a right on Summer Street, a right on Market Street, and a right on Sandwich Street (Rt. 3A), heading south.

26.) 65 Sandwich Street: At the center of the Training Green is a monument.

What's at the top? _____

27.) 119 Sandwich Street: On the lawn of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society's Harlow Old Fort House is a sign that includes two symbols representing occupations of William Harlow.

What are they and what do they represent? _____

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