

Stratford Historical Scavenger Hunt

Family Adventure - *From Forest to Shore*

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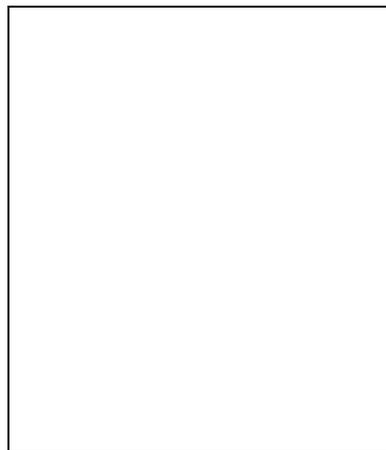
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Clues and locations can be completed in any order.

*Do you have questions or comments? Please contact us at: gstroop37470@gmail.com

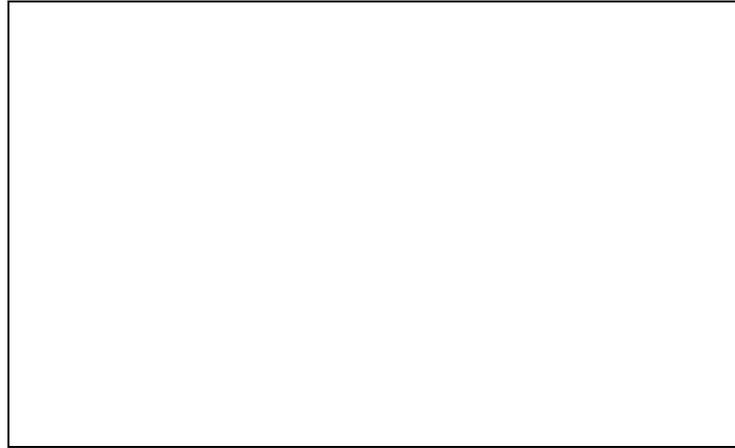
Roosevelt Forest:

1. From the Parking Lot take the blue trail that starts at the Information Board. Travel along the trail past the pavilion. After a short distance you will notice an old stand alone chimney/fireplace on your left. Between the chimney and the trail is a short stone wall. Where the wall curves there is a stone missing! Reach inside and you will find a small box with a stamp. Stamp in the space below and make sure you reseal and rehide!



2. Return to the parking lot and hike up the roughly paved asphalt trail that runs between the pond and the small building. Follow this trail until you see lucky picnic site #13 marked on a crumbling grill. Continue past the grill to a picnic table and firepit. On your left you will notice 3 distinct and long boulders. Carefully climb down and look under the largest middle boulder and you will find what you seek!

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Boothe Memorial Park:

1. At the cemetery at the sound end of the park find the large BOOTHE Memorial/gravesite with a rail surrounding it. Stand directly front and center and look down. What 3 initials do you see?

2. What are the names of the two, red “society” buildings in the park?

_____ Society and _____ Society.

3. Find the “X marks the spot” on one of them...what does it say?

4. Find the Connecticut Merritt Parkway Toll Booth Plaza- In 1940 how much did gas cost per gallon? _____ How much was the toll? _____
What was the speed limit? _____

5. Find the circle of cylinder shaped stones in the sunken courtyard next to the rose garden. How many cylinder stones are there? _____

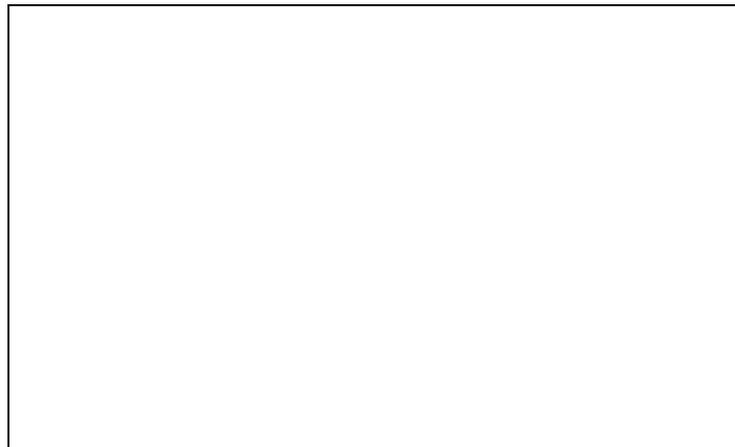
6. What kind of wood was used to build the Technocratic Cathedral? _____

7. Locate the two large donut shaped boulders-with a stone “trough,” between them. Add the 4 digits you see together. _____

8. In 1913, the 1880’s haybarn was topped with a **clocktower** which was acquired in Massachusetts by the Boothes in exchange for a _____.

9. Continue to a building that is red with three chimneys and no flues. How many sides does it have? _____

10. Find the miniature lighthouse. Go down the small set of steps near the fence, and continue walking until you get to a gigantic evergreen. Walk about 20 paces in the same direction to another tree. You will find a small box hidden in the hollow on the far side of the trunk. Follow the directions inside, and discreetly reseal and rehide the box.



11. Walk up the ramp of the Putney Chapel. Peek inside the window on the left of the door. What oversized object is in a frame? _____

Academy Hill

1. Find the eagle inside the flat stone square on the ground. How many arrows is it holding in it’s talon?

2. Who is quoted on the Vietnam Memorial?

3. On the American Revolutionary War plaque- there are three men depicted. What are they doing?

4. Look at the Disabled American Veterans Memorial. Fill in the blank:

“IF I CANNOT SPEAK GOOD OF MY COMRADE...

_____”

5. How many large gold stars are on the World War II Memorial? _____

6. Where is the original World War I Memorial located? _____

*If you get a chance, visit the statue and find out what she is holding on her lap.

7. On the Stratford Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor, locate the brick belonging to Jack Guckert. (hint-use brick locator board) Which war did he serve in?

_____ Which branch of the military? _____

8. Locate the sign on the corner of Academy Hill and Elm Street. What was Academy Hill first known as? _____

What was it renamed in 1680? _____

9. Find the large tree with two stones with weathered, green plaques. Who planted the one with the name Edith Hasting?

_____ When? _____

*Fun Fact: This tree is the daughter of The Charter Oak Tree!

Judson House.

1. What sound would the door knocker make if it were alive?

2. When was The Captain David Judson House built? (hint: if rocks could talk- you might find your answer!)

3. On the grounds of Judson House is a curious, small outbuilding. Look inside.

What was this building?_____

Who was the original owner?_____

4. Head down the sidewalk to the corner on Main Street and the “Ye Olde Stratford Historical Society” sign. What is the pilgrim holding in his hand?

Stratford Library

1. Go upstairs to the Children’s Department. Look for the large stained glass window. In the lower left hand quadrant, find the shape that looks like a piano.

How many black “keys” do you see?_____

2. Find the authors of the following children’s books. Write down the first letter of their last name. Unscramble the letters to see what word it makes!

- *The BFG*
- *Mummies in the Morning*
- *Harriette the Spy*
- *Good Night Gorilla*
- *The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf*
- *Sylvie*
- *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*
- *Never Girls- On the Trail*
- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

3. Find the small red book in the Children’s Reference Collection. It is titled, *The Story of Connecticut*. When was it last checked out according to the DATE DUE ?

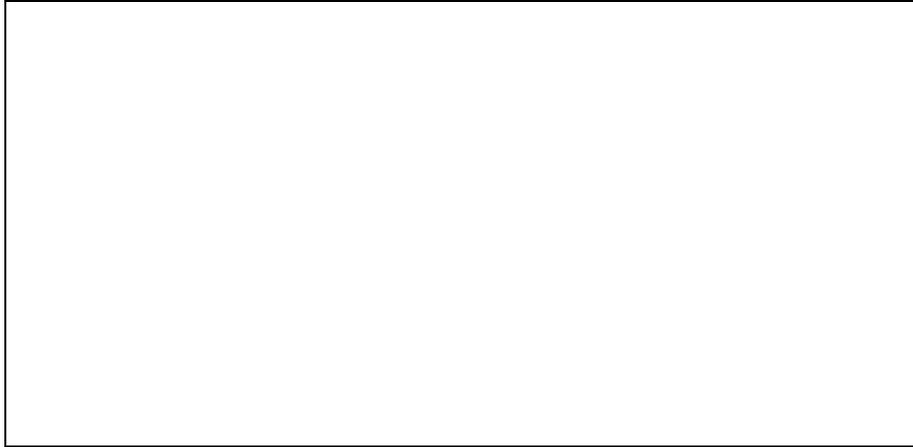
(It stays at the library now!)_____

Judson Cemetery (Graveyard Behind Stratford Library)

1. Find the grave of **Capt. Jeremiah Judson**.

* Hint: Two above ground tombs lay side by side- this is not far from where he abides.

What year did Capt. Judson die? _____ Draw a sketch of the gravestone.



Sterling House

1. What creature is watching you from the roof of the new addition of Sterling House?

Find the description and unique history of this creature inside the main lobby of the house.

What is another name for it (aka)? _____

What happened to this creature in both 1983 and 1992?

2. Head into the LIBRARY (Kate Bunnell Room) There is a bronze statue of a woman turning the pages of a book. She volunteered, served and worked at Sterling House for more than 50 years! What is her name?

3. Locate the framed newspaper from August 1932. What was the amount of money John Sterling donated to Yale University?

4. Find out the name of the person who gifted Sterling House to our Community.

Audubon CT at Stratford Point

PLEASE NOTE: Audubon CT at Stratford Point is open M-F , 9AM-5PM, year-round, closed on the weekends. The entrance/exit gate is *timed controlled* so it is highly recommended that you plan to exit the property by 4:50 so as not to get locked in.

1. Walk past the building and choose the path leading to the beach. At the fork go left and find the information board. What is the cement structure with holes called?

2. Continue walking past the board and turn left. Follow the path in a clockwise direction. Locate the next information board, titled, *What is a Watershed*.

What is #2 on the map? _____

According to the sign, what is one way you can help the environment?

3. Follow the path to the next information board titled, *What is Long Island Sound*. What unique arthropod species has existed for over 300 million years?

*Turn around and look for a very tall pole in the distance with unusual, white gourds at the top. Fun Fact: These are known as purple Marrin gourds and are artificial nest sites.

4. Follow the path towards a “beacon of light”.

Be sure to stop, sit and relax on the bench and listen to the sound of the waves! Continue on your journey and bear right going back towards the parking lot. You will pass a large pile of rocks. Look for an arch to pass through and walk towards the white sea-shell stone path Do you hear the sound of trickling water? Did you see a wooden bridge? Walk up to the circle of stones and you will find a place to rest. Sit down and reach behind you where a surprise awaits on the ground! Stamp in the space below, and be sure to reseal the box just as you found it for others to find after you leave.



BONUS QUESTION:

What do you love most about our beautiful town of Stratford?
