
Contest Details

The Greenwood County Scavenger Hunt is an opportunity for friends and families to explore the history and scenery of beautiful Greenwood County. Investigate the answer to the clues and then hit the winding gravel roads of the county. The answers should be documented in a scrapbook type display that will be turned in to the Eureka Downs Building on Friday, July 27th, 2012 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.. The display should include the answers to the clues, and also the experiences and imaginations of the participants. Be sure to stay off of private property and pick up any trash you see laying around as you travel the backroads.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three scavenger hunt displays. 1st place will receive \$100, 2nd will receive \$75, and third \$50.

The Greenwood County Historical Society Museum located in Eureka would be an excellent place to investigate the answers to the scavenger hunt. Additional resources would be your local city library. The Greenwood County Conservation District or the Greenwood County Extension office can provide assistance on the plants of Greenwood County.



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2012 Greenwood County Fair Scavenger Hunt

Explore and experience the excitement of Greenwood County!

Enter for your chance at one of three cash prizes!

Grand Prize is \$100!



1. This family came to Greenwood County as part of an African American settlement. Two members of this family grew up to have two very different professions. One a world famous cornetist, the other became a local cowboy who some called "the most expert cattle handler of the Flint Hills". A stone with the name of this family overlooks the area where this family settled. Provide a picture of the stone with the name of this famous Greenwood County family's name.
 2. This church stands as a cornerstone of probably the most recognized ethnic community in Greenwood County. Under its original name of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, this church was originally built in 1884, destroyed by a tornado in 1920 and rebuilt the following year. A plaque stands in front of this country church. Bring the crayons and a blank piece of paper and do a "rubbing" of the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
 3. In 1857, when little rain had fallen and the streams were not flowing, David Tucker, along with a small group of early pioneers, found a spring which flowed a good quantity of cool, clear water. A monument marks the location of the spring found by Tucker in this Greenwood County town. Do a "rubbing" of the name of this town located on the monument.
 4. This federal engineering project began construction in June of 1946. By September of 1949, over 3.5 million cubic yards of earth was moved. This project was to lessen flooding downstream, however, many Greenwood County residences who called the Fall River Valley home were forced to move from their homes through eminent domain in order to complete this project. Provide a brochure of the recreation benefits this project provides to Greenwood County and surrounding areas.
 5. Greenwood County is located in the Flint Hills ecoregion. Landscapes are made up of native tallgrass prairie with a diverse plant community. This plant is the most prevalent grass in the tallgrass prairie. The seed heads are commonly called "turkey's foot". Press this plant between some old newspapers and the pages of a large book to make a display. You need to do some detective work to make sure you obtain the correct plant and not one of the many other plants that occur in the tallgrass prairie.
 6. A cemetery and monument stands at the location of this early Greenwood County church. The current day church is located four miles from the original church site. Founders of the church were from a Swiss and German heritage. Clothing and hairstyles note the continued traditions of the members of this Greenwood County church. Create a rubbing of the name of the church on the monument marking the location of the early church.
 7. This Santa Fe train depot was instrumental in beginning this Greenwood County town. Depots were the center of activity and were essential in transporting people and goods into the county. This depot at one time had 8 trains a day pass by on their way across the plains. The depot currently serves as a historical museum. Photograph this early transportation center.
 8. Before the invention of barbed wire, Greenwood County farmers utilized two types of fence to keep livestock out of their growing crops. One type of fence is considered a "living fence" and the remnants of these fences are spread throughout Greenwood County today. The other type of fence utilized a material that seemed to be of endless supply in the hills of Greenwood County. Provide a pressed leaf of the tree that provided the living fence. Provide a picture and location of the other type of fence still present in a few locations across the county.
 9. Stone arch bridges are an engineering marvel and their integrity continues to stand over three creeks in Greenwood County. Locate two of the three stone arch bridges in the county and photograph them. Include the names of the creeks the bridges are located on in the caption of the photograph.
 10. This rock standing tall above the prairie marks the approximate location of a booming oil town. The town was never incorporated, but estimates put the population at around 600 people. On the pasture trail leading to the rock, you can still make out some of the old foundations that held up the shacks spread out across the oil lease. Rocks were originally piled in this location to guide travelers roaming across the plains. Plan your trip so you arrive at this special place while the sun sets on the horizon. Enjoy the serenity the open prairie provides. Bring along a tripod, rest your camera on the car, or bring along a friend and take a portrait of all the scavenger hunt participants in front of the rock.
 11. This house was constructed in the early 1890's after this Greenwood County resident visited England. He took the architecture from the old English castles and manors and returned to construct the house. The two-story home has twelve rooms and is made of red vitrified brick and native limestone. The city where this house is located also has a main street made from the same material this house was constructed of. Photograph this early Greenwood County home.
 12. A small portion of this ecoregion extends into Greenwood County. It is made up of a mix of prairie, savannah, and woodland. Rocks in this area are mainly sandstone that protrudes out of the ground. Early travelers commented on the difficulty of traveling across this area due to the thick underbrush in the woodlands and the many rocks. Two trees dominate the hills of this ecoregion. One is classified as a white oak and the other a red oak. Collect a leaf from each of these trees and do a leaf press. Label the common and scientific name of each of these tree species.
 13. For 23 years the Atom Pop popcorn popper was assembled in this small Greenwood County town. Over 20,000 Atom Pop popcorn poppers were made each year during peak production. While microwave popcorn reduced the demand for stove-top popcorn poppers, Atom Pop popcorn poppers can still be found online and in select stores across Kansas. Photograph the remnants of the building used to produce the Atom Pop popcorn popper.
 14. In the early 1950's many Greenwood County rural schools were forced to close their doors. Many of these one room schools provided educational experiences unlike modern day schools. Children were allowed to learn at their own pace and were often assisted by older students in the classroom.
 - A. Provide a picture of the one-room schoolhouse with the name of the creek that lies just to the south of the school. The school was also known School District #72.
 - B. Provide a picture of the school house commonly referred to School Number 8.
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