



Community Scavenger Hunt

Girl Scouts of SaNeCo and Woodbury Service Units

Who We Are

About Us

Girl Scouts is the preeminent youth organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character. Girl Scouts in South Washington County, Minnesota, including the cities of Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Newport, and St. Paul Park, provide this Community Scavenger Hunt as a fun way to explore our community in a safe, socially distanced manner.

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What is the Community Scavenger Hunt?

As part of a badge or just for fun, Girl Scouts registered in the SaNeCo or Woodbury Service Unit can:

- With your troop, friends, or family members, determine which landmark each enclosed clue describes.
- Visit the location and take a picture (or note coordinates) as requested in each clue.
- If registered in SaNeCo, share photos on FaceBook and tag us @GirlScoutsSaNeCo.
- Return your completed scavenger hunt and photos (or coordinates) to your Service Unit or troop leader.
- To earn a fun patch:
 - Daisies must complete 5 tasks.
 - Brownies must complete 7 tasks.
 - Juniors must complete 10 tasks.
 - Cadettes must complete 12 tasks.
 - Seniors must complete 15 tasks.
 - Ambassadors must complete 18 tasks.
- If you get stuck on a clue, visit www.girlscoutssaneco.org for additional hints!

□ **Fun for All (Cottage Grove).** This park boasts an inclusive playground with 82 pieces of play equipment. It is the largest inclusive playground in Minnesota. The playground was funded by the city, grants, and donations and was built in three days by local residents and businesses in 2017. Take a picture of you playing on your favorite piece of equipment.

□ **Patience and Precision (Cottage Grove).** Katniss Everdeen and Princess Merida would be quite happy here! This park houses South Washington County's only free, public, outdoor archery range. The park is named after the nearby pond that is surrounded by lush pine trees. Take a picture of one of the archery targets.

□ **Show Me the Way (Cottage Grove).** In an era before radar, airplane pilots used ground-based landmarks to guide their way. One such landmark is a series of large concrete arrows scattered around the country. Cottage Grove is home to one of these mysterious landmarks. The arrow is located on private property, so instead of sending a photo, send the latitude and longitude of the landmark.

□ **Founding Fathers (Cottage Grove).** Built in 1871, this home with Italianate architecture was owned by the local shopkeeper. He was one of several brothers from New Hampshire who founded one of Washington County's first inland settlements. In 1982, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the barn is often used as a venue for weddings and events. Take a photo of this historic property.

□ **Not All Heroes Wear Capes (Cottage Grove).** The groundbreaking of this facility occurred on October 11, 2018. It currently provides training for Health Emergency Response Occupations for the cities of Cottage Grove and Woodbury and public training opportunities.

□ **A Place of Learning (Newport).** Established in 1889, this library used to be a church. In 1897, the building was moved to its current location. It currently serves as both a library and a community center, offering programs such as P.A.W.S. to Read. Take your photo in front of or inside this historic building.

□ **Feeding the Hungry (St. Paul Park).** Founded in 1992, this community-funded nonprofit serves 28,000 people by distributing more than 750,000 pounds of food each year. Consider making a donation of non-perishable items when you stop by to take your photo outside this food shelf.

□ **Fulfilling Basic Needs (St. Paul Park).** Opened in 1997, this community-based nonprofit provides low-cost household goods, furniture, and clothing. Over the past 20 years, it has provided more than \$1 million of free merchandise to those in need. Visit, shop, and take your photo with the sign for this local thrift shop.

□ **Old Man River (St. Paul Park).** A combined effort of the local Lion's Club, the city, Minnesota DNR, and the local oil refinery, this park offers a boat launch, picnic area, and a scenic overlook of the Mighty Mississippi. Take your photo with the river as the background.

□ **Volunteerism (Newport).** In this city's oldest park, men assembled to join the Union Army and leave to fight in the Civil War. A wooden plaque was nailed to a tree that read, "Here on Sept 26th, 1861 the 3rd Minn. Regiment Mustered into Service." The park also houses a heritage monument and war memorial. Enclosed in the heritage monument is a time capsule destined to be opened in the year 2100. Take your photo near the heritage monument.

□ **Sacred Ground (Newport).** An 1837 settlement was named after a large granite boulder that was held in great reverence by the Sioux people. The Sioux painted the rock red with vermilion. This sacred stone is located near a restored two-story log cabin that served as both a school and a residence. The building and the stone were designated a Minnesota Conference Historic Site in 1971. Take a photo of the stone or the historical marker.

□ **Gathering Place (Cottage Grove).** This original town hall was built in 1881 to house government meetings. The current city hall is located on the eastern edge of town, near the HERO Center. The city's police department is also housed in the current city hall building. Take your photo in front of the original town hall building.

□ **Grey Cloud Woman (Cottage Grove/Grey Cloud Island).** This 1-acre park is named after an early settler and fur trader. It is located on an island named after the fur-trader's wife, Margaret Aird, whose mother was a Dakota Indian. Today, the park is a fabulous place to launch a canoe or kayak to explore the channels of the Mississippi River. Take your photo enjoying this park.

□ **1870's Living (Woodbury).** This historical home and garden reflect the architecture of the early European settlers to the area. The garden showcases heirloom plants and is tended by volunteers. The butterfly garden was dedicated in 2008 to Bernice Bielenberg. Take your photo in front of the house or gardens.

□ **Oasis (Woodbury).** This park features an indoor waterfall and vegetation that remains green year-round. Visit the library, get some exercise, or enjoy a play or concert as you stroll around this relaxing space.

□ **Preserving Nature (Woodbury).** This 169-acre wetland is surrounded by woodlands. Its topography resulted from the last retreat of the glaciers from this region more than 10,000 years ago. It is home to one of the southernmost strands of tamarack trees in Minnesota. Take a stroll and enjoy the great biodiversity of marsh plants, birds, and other wildlife as well as floating hummocks. Help the friends of this park by bringing gloves and a trash bag and picking up any garbage you may find. Take a photo of an interesting plant or animal.

□ **Man's Best Friend (Woodbury).** This 70-acre park is named for the city's first K9 officer. It includes walking trails with benches, a shelter area with picnic tables, a pet watering station, and pet waste disposal stations with bags. Bring your favorite four-legged friend (or your favorite stuffed animal) and take a photo of the two of you enjoying this park.

□ **Fins, Feathers, and Fur (Woodbury).** This nonprofit organization's core values are "Be good to animals. Partner with People. Lead Responsibly with Compassion." Serving more than 22,000 animals in need each year, it helps thousands more through programs for people and pets. Take a tour, make a donation, adopt your new best friend, and/or take a photo.

□ **Land of the Free, Home of the Brave (Woodbury).** This site recognizes the contributions of those citizens who have served in the military to honor and protect the United States of America. Its groundbreaking occurred in October 2007. Stones carved with the names of military veterans line the pathway as flags fly in the breeze. Take a photo of this monument.

□ **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (Woodbury).** This county facility offers recycling of unwanted household products as well as food scraps and organics. It hosts community paper-shredding events, sells compost bins and rain barrels, and houses a free product room. Take your photo as you learn more about composting, water conservation, and recycling.

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Troop Number: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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