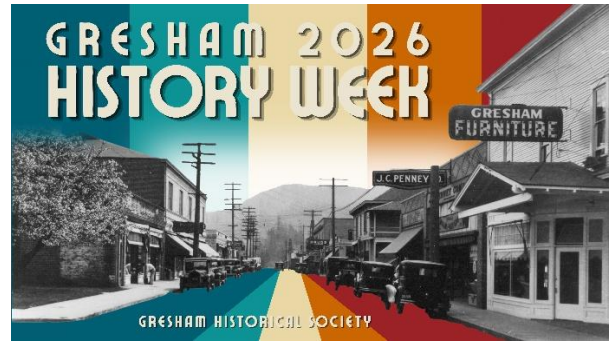




GRESHAM CITY-WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

The Rules

- Once your team finishes a task, you'll upload a photo or short (~15 second) video of it at [this form](#).
 - For videos, please upload to YouTube or Vimeo and include the viewable link in the Notes field of the form. Videos are not necessary but may increase the point value of your submission.
- Each task will carry a point value. For full credit, complete the task as stated; you can also receive partial credit for doing only part of the task.
 - Extra points may be assigned for exceptional effort and creativity.
- The tasks DO NOT need to be done in order.
- You can post any task to Facebook or Instagram and tag our accounts for an extra ½ point each. Facebook: @GreshamHistorical | Instagram: @greshamhistorical
- The submission form will close at midnight on September 30, 2026. You will receive an emailed coupon with your points total, which you can redeem for prizes at the museum.

The Tasks

1. Go to the place where it all started - the Gresham Post Office. Find the story of how Gresham got its name, and write it down on a postcard to share with a friend. ([This video](#) may be helpful.)
 - 1 point: Photo of the postcard
 - 2 points: Mail it at the Gresham Post Office

2. Did you know Gresham used to call itself the Berry Capitol of the World? Find a local u-pick berry farm and go berry picking. Bonus points if you go with someone who has earned money picking berries at some point in their life.
 - 2 points: Photo of you picking berries
 - 3 bonus points: Go with someone who has earned money picking berries at some point in their life
3. Try out a hands-on art activity at the [Festival of the Arts](#) in Gresham on July 18, 2026.
 - 2 points
4. Rockwood was once home to the Satellite Restaurant, a space-age diner with an iconic neon sign. Grab a meal at Rockwood Market Hall (near the site of the original restaurant) but don't forget to protect yourself against satellites: wear your best tinfoil hat.
 - 3 points
5. Attend a [Walking Tour of Downtown Gresham](#) on July 11, August 1, or September 9. Send us a photo of your favorite building! *Tours are free, but an [RSVP](#) is appreciated.*
 - 2 points
6. Boring, our close neighbor to the south, is home to one of two locations for [Guide Dogs for the Blind](#). Guide dogs in training can often be seen around Downtown Gresham. Find Driscoll, the only guide dog you can actually pet - because he's made of bronze!
 - 2 points
7. The MHCC Trike Jumps were an annual event in which daredevils rode homemade tricycles down a ramp before launching into the reservoir at Mt. Hood Community College. Pay homage to the trike jumps: find the walkway overlooking the reservoir and ride a tricycle on it... but you don't have to ride it into the lake. (You can learn more about the Trike Jumps by watching [this video](#) - content warning for some adult language.)
 - 3 points
 - 1 point: tell us the first and last year of the Trike Jumps.
8. Back when Gresham was a farming town, the Grange was the center of social life. Find a grange hall in Gresham city limits and show off your home-grown produce in front of it.

- 2 points
9. Speaking of produce, part of growing your own food is learning how to preserve it. Try your hand at canning a fruit or vegetable and show us the result.
- 2 points
10. Get a selfie at any of our upcoming [history talks](#). Make sure to RSVP!
- 2 points each
11. School's out! Now no one can tell you it's time to get off the monkey bars. Go to your elementary school playground and play on your favorite piece of equipment. (If you didn't go to school in Gresham, any school playground will do.)
- 2 points
12. Recreate your favorite statue in Gresham out of Play-Doh or modeling clay.
- 1 point
13. It's berry season! Bake a pie or other dessert with local berries. Bonus: pick the berries yourself!
- 2 points
 - 1 additional point for using berries you picked (can use Task #2 submission for this)
14. The Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz has been an annual event in Gresham since 1982. For many years, it took place at the stadium of Mt. Hood Community College. Find someone who plays a musical instrument and have them play something jazzy in the MHCC stadium. (If you can't get into the stadium, outside is fine.)
- 3 points
15. Visit as many museums and visitor centers as you can, both inside Gresham and within 10 miles of city limits. Hours vary by museum; check the website ahead of time!
- 1 point per museum/visitor center; 1 additional point for going inside the museum
16. Find as many of the Stark Street Mile Markers as you can (this [blog post](#) will get you started). Bonus: What was the original name of Stark Street, and why was it called that?
- 1 point per picture of you at a Mile Marker
 - 1 point for correctly answering the question

17. Did you know Gresham has an [official flag](#)? Let's see your rendition of the Gresham flag in a medium of your choice.

- 1 point

18. Visit the [Gresham Farmers Market](#)...dressed as a farmer. Bonus points if you bring a farm animal with you!

- 3 points
- 3 additional points for bringing an animal

19. Did you know that Gresham has an Olympic swimming pool? The Mt. Hood Community College 50-meter pool has hosted several Olympic athletes over the years. While the 50-meter pool is closed for renovations, other pools at the college are still open. Visit the Mt. Hood Aquatic Center and swim or soak in one of the pools. Bonus: What year was the Aquatic Center built?

- 2 points to swim at Mt. Hood Aquatic Center
- 1 point to submit the date it was built

20. Back in the days before electricity, people found other ways to get by. Get a taste of the hardship they experienced by making ice cream the old fashioned way. ([Tutorial here.](#))

- 2 points

21. What was transportation like before cars? Travel at least one mile using only transportation that was available in 1905: bicycle, horseback, on foot, or by train.

- 1 point - take the MAX train
- 2 points - ride your bike
- 3 points - walk (or roll, if you're a wheelchair user)
- 4 points - ride a horse

22. Visit the Gresham Historical Society and try out the Museum Scavenger Hunt (available at the front desk). Extra prizes are in store if you find everything on the list!

- 2 points

23. History is all around us! Find the following monuments and historic markers, and tell us something you learned there, for one point each:

- The Pioneer Child Burial Site (NE 169th & Wilkes Ave)

- Ambleside History Marker (Johnson Creek near SE Hogan Rd)
 - Nichaqlwli Monument (Blue Lake Park)
 - Heritage Douglas Fir Tree #279 (Glenfair Hiking Trail)
24. Find a cookbook from before 1950 and prepare a recipe from it. Submit a picture of the food and another picture of the recipe.
- 2 points
 - 1 bonus point if the recipe is from before 1900
25. Many Native Americans still follow traditions that their ancestors practiced since time immemorial. Find a Native vendor at the Arts & Culture Fair (June 14) or the Gresham Farmers Market (June 20 - look for the people selling salmon) and learn about what they do.
- 3 points
26. Gresham has four libraries - two current and two former. Visit them all for one point each.
- Gresham Carnegie Library (now Gresham Historical Society)
 - Rockwood Library
 - Gresham Library (closed)
 - East County Library (get a special-edition library card for 2 bonus points)
27. In 1989, when Gresham's first library was closing to make way for the new Gresham Regional Library one block away, hundreds of residents lined up between the old and new libraries and passed books down the line to the waiting librarians. Reenact the famous "book brigade" with as many friends as you can.
- Up to 4 points
28. [Restore Oregon](#)'s annual "Pets 'n Preservation" challenge asks pet owners to submit photos of their furry friends in front of a historic (40+ year old) building. Find an old building in Gresham and photograph your pet in front of (or inside) it, and make sure to submit your photo when the contest opens in July! (See [last year's winners](#) for inspiration.)
- 2 points
29. Happy birthday, USA! Honor 250 years of democracy by meeting an elected official.
- 3 points

30. Find any of Gresham Historical Society's pop-up exhibits around town - watch our Facebook and Instagram for announcements!
- 1 point per exhibit
31. The Multnomah County Fair is gone from Gresham, but its legacy lives on! One of the main attractions of the fair was a horse racing track. Stage a "horse race" with at least two contestants carrying "jockeys" on piggyback. They may be wearing horse masks for bonus points.
- 4 points
32. Find the downtown Gresham mural titled "Hairitage." Send us your picture with the mural, and tell us why you think "Hairitage" is spelled that way!
- 2 points
33. Did you know that the buttes around Gresham are part of a dormant volcanic formation, the Boring Lava Field? We think that's pretty exciting! Gresham is one of the only cities in the continental US with volcanoes inside its city limits. Many of the "buttes" (actually cinder cones and shield volcanos) have public parks and walking trails. Visit them for 1 point each:
- Gresham Butte
 - Gabbert Butte
 - Hogan Butte
 - Grant Butte
 - Powell Butte
34. The Springwater Trail is one of several former railroads around Gresham that became a paved footpath during the "rails to trails" movement. Take a bike ride on the trail, dressed as a train conductor (but remember your helmet!).
- 2 points
35. Juneteenth celebrates the day in 1865 that the last enslaved people in the United States learned they were free. Celebrate the holiday by visiting the annual Juneteenth celebration at Vance Park on Friday, June 19, 12-5pm.
- 2 points
36. Check out the [Gresham Historical Society's online collections](#) on Northwest Digital Heritage. Recreate up to three historic photos (submit the original along with your version for comparison).

- 2 points: take a photo of people doing something similar in the present day.
- 2 points: find and take a photo of the same spot, showing what it looks like now.
- 2 points: create a diorama of the scene.

37. Visit Nadaka Nature Park and find two animal statues. What are they?

- 1 point each

38. Remember to hydrate! While Gresham no longer gets water from Bull Run, the pipeline still goes through Gresham on its way to Portland. Visit Powell Butte and get a drink of Bull Run water from the drinking fountain. Fun fact: when the Bull Run pipeline was completed in 1893, Gresham initially declined to tap the pipeline, fearing the water would be impure. Gresham did not get Bull Run water until 1910.

- 1 point

39. Listen to the first episode of the [Voices of Gresham podcast](#), then go to the Gresham Pioneer Cemetery and find the grave of Miyo Iwakoshi - the first Japanese woman settler in Oregon.

- 2 points

40. The building where iCandy and The Local Cow are now located was once a mortuary! Some people believe that the ghosts of the past still linger. Prove them right - visit either business dressed as a ghost.

- 3 points

41. The performance of live music in Gresham dates back to the 1800s, when farmers would have barn dances with fiddle and accordion music. There was even a community marching band in the early 1900s! Continue this legacy by watching a live performance in Gresham. (The [Spirit of Gresham](#) website should give you some ideas.)

- 3 points
- 3 bonus points if you perform in a live concert!

42. Learn about an important person who lived in Gresham a long time ago. What was the person's name, and why were they important?

- 1 point

43. Explore a Gresham neighborhood you've never visited (or spent much time in) and send us a photo of your favorite garden or yard.

- 2 points

44. Take a multigenerational Gresham photo—whatever that means to you!

- 2 points

45. Attend a Historic Cemeteries Tour on 7/18, 8/15, or 9/19. Tell us your favorite fact you learned.

- 3 points to attend the tour
- 1 point for your favorite fact

46. Local businesses are the backbone of Gresham's identity. Find a restaurant that's been in business for at least 20 years and have a meal there.

- 2 points

47. Did you know that the Gresham area was once covered in old-growth trees more than 10 feet across? Most of them are gone now because of logging and wildfires, but you can still find some pretty big (and historic) trees around town. Find a tree on the City's [Significant Trees Tour](#) and give it a big hug.

- 2 points

48. One of the best ways to honor Gresham's past is to take responsibility for its present! Show your Gresham pride by picking up some garbage - the more the better.

- Up to 3 points

49. What's one old (40+ years) building in Gresham that you think is significant, and why is it important to you? Write a letter to the City's [Historic Resources Subcommittee](#) about the building. Show us the letter and a photo of the building.

- 2 points

50. Tell us your favorite thing you've learned about Gresham this summer.

- 1 point
- 1 bonus point for teaching it to someone else!