

The Hidden Bottle Hunt!

Explanations for Zone 3 Clues - 2021

CLUE 1

Mountains and lakes fill this land,
bridges, rivers, and valleys so grand.
Zone 3 filled with beauty that doesn't fail,
Search West where the x chromosomes prevail.

SOLVE 1

Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative's Zone 3 includes the four counties of Lake, Klamath, Jackson, and Josephine. This clue gets you to Josephine as Josephine County was named for Josephine Rollins, the first white woman to settle in southern Oregon. Ms. Rollins came to the area with her father Floyd as part of a group of prospectors who discovered gold in the Illinois Valley. Bridge is also a hint at the treasure's final resting spot.

CLUE 2

Where's Waldo?
Sailor Diggins might know.
James Kerby and Napoleon are part of the flow,
But a U.S. General is the way to go.

SOLVE 2

The town of Sailor Diggins (later renamed Waldo after Whig candidate for governor of California in 1853) was the first town named as Josephine County's seat of government. The county seat was moved to Kerbyville in 1857 (named temporarily Napoleon from 1856-60, and later simplified to just Kerby) and then to Grants Pass (named to honor General U.S. Grant's 1863 victory at Vicksburg) in 1886 where it remains today. Flow is a reference to the Rogue River which runs just South of the treasure.

CLUE 3

Holladay had a plan.
Connect O and C and become the man.
Stay South of this line,
it's your time to shine!

SOLVE 3

The Oregon and California Railroad (O&C) was the first railroad to connect Oregon with California. Construction of the line began in Portland during the spring of 1868. Under the leadership of transportation tycoon Ben Holladay, railroad workers, many of them Chinese immigrants, extended tracks to Oregon City in 1869, to Salem in 1870, and to Roseburg in 1872. After a long hiatus due to a lack of funds, the O&C line was finally extended to the California border in December 1887. The hunt zone narrows to the area of Grants Pass that falls south of the rail line.



CLUE 4

La Riviere aux Coquins the French trappers declared.
Unfortunately, the Tututoni and Takelma would not be spared.
It begins at the State's only National Park.
If you search near its shores, you'll find the mark.

Even though many events and fun happen here,
it's fair to say that our end draws near.
Don't grandstand, and head North,
If your victory is to be brought forth!

SOLVE 4

The name "Rogue" River apparently began with French fur trappers who called the river La Riviere aux Coquins because they disappointingly regarded the Native people as rogues (coquins). Native American tribes including the Tututni and Takelma once inhabited this area with estimated tribal population in 1850 of ~9,500. After the Rogue River Wars in 1856, bands of these Native peoples were moved to the Siletz and Grand Ronde Reservations. To narrow the search, you will want to focus on areas near the river.

The second half of this clue references the Josephine County Fairgrounds which lie just to the South of our final destination. In addition to being the home of the Josephine County Fair the 50-acre property hosts many community events and includes an arena and grandstand holding up to 2500 people. From the Fairgrounds it's a short walk across the pedestrian bridge to Reinhart Volunteer Park.

CLUE 5

A beaver and a caveman with virtues we espouse,
whose occupations included working with autos and cows.
Service above Self was awarded as his motto.
The memorial to his legacy is where you'll win this lotto.

Follow Merriam's partner, you're getting hot!
Diamonds and shelters span our resting spot.
Calm water, tree roots and fluttering wings.
Just South of bronze, cross the bridge, look down and victory rings!

SOLVE 5

John Reinhart was born Dec. 18, 1928 in Yreka, California and moved to Grants Pass where he graduated from Grants Pass High School and later attended Oregon State University. He worked on his family's dairy farm as the General Manager of Auto Wheel Corporation from 1961-2000. His passion in life was volunteering which culminated in him receiving the high award for Service Above Self from the Grants Pass Rotary Club. He was the driving force behind Riverside West All Sports Park which was later named Reinhart Volunteer Park in his honor.

For the second half of this clue, if you follow Webster Road into Reinhart Park you will come to a location in the center of the park near the Root and Wings Bronze sculpture produced in 1997 by artist Dennis Smith. Just south of this bronze sculpture is the pond and foot bridge. Head over the bridge to the Southwestern side and look under the bridge approach where the treasure is hidden.

