

The Hidden Bottle Hunt!

Explanations for Zone 1A Clues - 2021

CLUE 1

To find the treasured bottle here
You must give it your all
Follow the flow from all sources
Be watched by Tsagaglatal
Hear echos of languages lost
Down past where Wyam would fall
There may be calmer waters now
But once, a people stood tall.

SOLVE 1

The Columbia River begins its journey in the southern Rocky Mountain Trench of British Columbia in Canada. It has many tributaries and over 60 dams in its watershed. Wyam, meaning "echo of falling water" or "sound of water upon the rocks," refers to Celilo Falls. The name refers to a series of cascades and waterfalls on the river, as well as to the native settlements and trading villages that existed there in various configurations for 15,000 years. Celilo was the oldest continuously inhabited community on the North American continent until 1957, when the falls and nearby settlements were submerged by the construction of The Dalles Dam. Tsagaglatal, or "She Who Watches," is a large petroglyph along the Columbia River in Washington State across the river from The Dalles. The clue is designed to lead you west toward the ocean, and find calmer waters where there are no more dams. Possibly the slough, or Columbia Blvd. Narrows area within Zone 1A.

CLUE 2

Dive into the clues and wordplay
Like Alice spins into the hole
Or wait and sit back to see what's revealed
And find what the next clue may hold
Remember to always look under
Pretend you are out on a stroll
Noticing others are searching?
Then you know that you're on a roll!

SOLVE 2

There is a hidden anagram (first letter of each line) leading to the city in which you will find the park where the bottle is hidden. "Wordplay" indicates readers need to search for anagrams in a clue (another in clue 4). "Spins into a hole" refers to rabbit holes hunters go down trying to figure out hiding spots and a golf course north of the park, which has since closed. Alice also can refer to the stern-wheel driven steamboat that operated on the Willamette and Columbia rivers (1870s to 80s). Alice was the largest vessel built above Willamette Falls and considered the "Queen of the River" in its day. The hint to the anagram is "wordplay." The bottle is hidden under a bush in a park accessible to strollers and wheelchairs. Narrows to city.



CLUE 3

Where food was long ago gathered
And is gathered again once more
Where fields of brown have turned to green
And groves of fir are gone yet still remain
Circles and cycles renew and renew
Just like the bottle bill aimed to do
The spot is hidden from a bus's view
But you can get there by bus, too!

SOLVE 3

The park is in a place where the indigenous people of the area gathered food, and where now there is a community garden. The indigenous people, who inhabited the shores of the river for 10,000 years or more, were virtually gone from this area by 1855. [Anthropologists call them Chinookans because they spoke a language closely related to that of the Chinook (pronounced "chin-ook," not "shin-ook") along the Oregon coast.] By that time, those who survived the plagues of smallpox, malaria and measles were sent to the Grand Ronde Reservation. The development of this former brownfield site won an Oregon Brownfields redevelopment award in 2018 and is a huge community asset for the Cully community. To reach the park, one needs to pass through the Fir Grove mobile home park. Narrows to area within the city, and park as well. (Credit to Susan Nelson for historical information)

CLUE 4

Play match or sulk at this family park
Where 72 crosses itself
You can see rainbows of different kinds
Or give yourself a workout
Witness wildflowers at every turn
Watch for swallows swooping
Spiraling up to the peak
You can view Loowit and Wy'East!

SOLVE 4

The first four words of this clue are an anagram for "Thomas Cully Park." The access road to the park is 72nd Ave, and the #72 bus line intersects it along Columbia Blvd. In the park, there is a self-directed workout route with spots for different exercises. The N, S, and E parts of the park are filled with wildflowers. One of the two sacred areas for Native Gathering Gardens has a spiral which can be viewed from above in satellite view. It is the first feature of its kind at a City of Portland park. This innovative project is based in traditional indigenous wisdom, and will create a place to: commune, cultivate indigenous foods and materials for cultural practices and traditions, & revitalize the associated knowledge, skills and ethics in an urban landscape.
Narrows to park.

CLUE 5

You can learn a lot from flowers
Especially in the month of July
So swing or climb, or cross the bridge
To see Much Adoe by and by.



Your golden prize
Spirals before your eyes
A play area green reconnects us with the roots
Get on out there! Grab your boots!

SOLVE 5

"Much Adoe About Nothing" is a play being produced by The Original Practice Shakespeare Festival in July at Cully Park. The Play Area Verde is designed by children from Hacienda CDC's Expresiones after-school program and built by Verde. Encouraging exploration, open-ended and non-directed play, and direct engagement with natural materials, as well as traditional equipment that engages youth in dynamic play including swinging, spinning, climbing and sliding. Within the play area, there are a number of accessible elements, including a wheelchair-accessible sensory wall. Verde is a non-profit group that serves communities by building environmental wealth through Social Enterprise, Outreach and Advocacy. Narrows to the area within Cully Park. Bottle hidden within a bush in the play area behind a garbage can.

CLUE EXTRA

It's Sunday evening and you've persevered fully
You're in the right place when you're search is at Cully

You've hung in there all week and the prize is near
A water fountain, a lamppost, a garbage can and a porta-loo together mean you are here

At this late hour there's no question what your goal is
To acquire your reward, you need not trample or break the foliage

But to be clear, a plant does conceal your prize
So look low in the green bushes and you won't believe your eyes

SOLVE EXTRA

After a long five days of hunting, this clue was very specifically designed to get the hunters to the bottle location. It's full of landmarks and information about how the bottle is hidden.V

