

Hidden Bottle Hunt 2022

Explanations for Zone 1E Clues



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Oregon Redemption Center

CLUE 1

Welcome to the treasure hunt's second year!
A quest for hidden bottles on the Oregon frontier.
This scenic path divides region 1E in two,
Its mother was kindred spirit to Maud,
and Clarke's predecessor, too.
To find the treasure from this skyline track,
Be a dear, sugar -
Keep this wild, wild country to your back.

SOLVE 1

Solve is to stay west of the Pacific Crest Trail, leaving Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. The "mother" of the PCT was Catherine Montgomery, cousin to Lucy Maud Montgomery, the author of the Anne of Green Gables books. Catherine was the first person to conceive of a trail that stretched along the mountains from California to Canada. Clinton Clarke was the "father" of the PCT. The original portion of the PCT near Mt. Hood was called the Skyline Trail. The book "Wild" was set along the PCT, and its author Cheryl Strayed also wrote the "Dear, Sugar" column. "Wild, Wild Country" is a documentary about the former Rajneeshpuram community in Wasco County. From the PCT, keep the east side of 1E at your back, carving off Hood River, Wasco & Sherman counties. "Frontier" is also a small hint to the hide city of Wilsonville, OR. Wilsonville was originally named Boones Landing, as it was the site of early settler Alphonso Boone and son Jesse Boone's ferry crossing. Alphonso was the grandson of frontiersman Daniel Boone.

CLUE 2

These acclaimed few call this institute alma mater -
A tech inventor who was a bottle bill early adopter,
Quirky Barry, who was later a doctor,
A gourmand and prolific cookbook author.
Make a line east and west from this reactionary place
And stay south to win the hidden bottle race.

SOLVE 2

Solve is south of Reed Institute (official name of Reed College). Apple co-founder Steve Jobs attended Reed, and dropped in the early 1970s when Oregon's bottle bill first went into effect. Jobs collected bottles and redeemed them for the Oregon deposit, so he could buy food. Other Reed alums mentioned: James Beard, the famous chef and cookbook author, and Barret "Barry" Eugene Hansen, better known as Dr. Demento. Reed has a nuclear reactor on its campus, the only reactor operated primarily by undergraduate students.



CLUE 3

On fur trade wealth they had a tight grip,
But they had bad luck with sinking ships.
The first was scuttled, an explosive scene,
The second encountered the Pleistocene.
Now name a metro trail that is 5 of 22 miles complete,
And these three places remain to compete.

SOLVE 3

Solve is the Ice Age Tonquin Trail. Tonquin was an unincorporated town and former station on the Oregon Electric Railway. The station was named for the Pacific Fur Company ship Tonquin, owned by John Jacob Astor. The Tonquin ship was intentionally scuttled in 1811 during a dispute off the coast of Vancouver Island. John Jacob Astor's great grandson, John Jacob Astor IV, died in another famous ship accident, the sinking of the Titanic, which hit an iceberg. The Pleistocene is informally known as the ice age. Metro is in the process of creating a 22 mile long ice age trail that will connect ice age sites through the towns of Sherwood, Tualatin, and Wilsonville. Bottle is hidden in one of these 3 towns.

CLUE 4

We don't talk about Bruno (no, no, no!)
But he was the star of Walt's Hollywood show.
Head to this smart town, former site of Tektronix,
Where you can find your redemption at # 5-1-6.

Once interned at Topaz,
Robert's canvas was water and stone.
Three works are in this town,
But one must be left alone.

SOLVE 4

Solve is the town of Wilsonville, and either Town Center or Memorial Parks. Walt Morey was a famous Wilsonville resident and author of numerous children's books, including "Gentle Ben." Bruno the Bear played Ben in a movie and TV series based on Walt's book. Former Hollywood Video was headquartered in Wilsonville, OR. SMART (South Metro Area Regional Transit) is a public transit system operated by the city of Wilsonville, and BottleDrop partner retailer drop location #516 is located in the Fred Meyer parking lot in Wilsonville.

The second part of the clue narrows to two parks in Wilsonville: Memorial Park and Town Center. Japanese American Robert Murase, a famed landscape architect, designed large water features in 3 Wilsonville parks: Water Treatment Park (now Arrowhead); Town Center; and Murase Plaza in Memorial Park. Arrowhead is currently listed as closed for construction on the Wilsonville Parks website. Bottle is hidden in one of the other 2 parks.



CLUE 5

Gus's nut grove is now a park,
Where kids can play and canines bark.
Sluggers have five spaces to bat,
But cable trees are where it's at.
Steer your raft clear of Oregon's state tree
A search near the populus trichocarpa is key!

SOLVE 5

Solve is to find the bottle hidden very close to the black cottonwood cable tree along the river trail in Memorial Park. Gustave Stein was an inventor and walnut farmer and built the Stein-Boozier barn on this land in 1901. His walnut grove was recently recognized as an Oregon Heritage Tree site. The bottle is not hidden near the walnut grove, but in another part of Memorial Park down by the cable trees along the Willamette River. Cable trees were used to bring logs down river in giant floating rafts. Two former cable trees are recognized Oregon Heritage Trees at Memorial Park. Avoid the marked Douglas fir cable tree, and head to the marked black cottonwood (populus trichocarpa). A metal cable from its years as a cable tree is still embedded within the tree's bark. Bottle is tucked by a log very close to this tree.

Thank you!

