

Hidden Bottle Hunt 2023

Explanations for Zone 3 Clues



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CLUE 1

A fowl presence parked in a roguish heart,
come for more tools, see the strange attraction.
But if you want it to sing thee something well,
the direction it faces is a worthy transaction.

SOLVE 1

This clue references the “Black Bird” statue in Medford, OR (Medford’s slogan is “the heart of the rogue”). It is located in a parking lot with the Black Bird store, a hardware store (“more tools”, among other things for which you can make a “transaction”). Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote the poem “The Blackbird” whose first line is “O blackbird! Sing me something well”. In this case, Black Bird faces east, and the bottle is east of Medford.

Also notice “more” in the clue - the bottle is hidden in Moore Park in Klamath Falls.

CLUE 2

Fowl again, but now the water fits the bill
to help you get your pointes on the ground.
It’s a good bet to pirouette with Odette,
en avant to the county where it will be found!

SOLVE 2

Another bird reference, but this time of the waterfowl variety - Swan Lake. There are a variety of ballet references in the clue - pointe shoes are ballet shoes, pirouette is a ballet spin, and en avant means “forward”. Odette is a cursed princess in the Tchaikovsky ballet Swan Lake. The clue could be solved to the lake itself or Swan Lake Point (another reference for “pointe”), but the ultimate solution is the same - Klamath County.

CLUE 3

Two boys of summer, an ad campaign for kicks
The World’s Greatest? Belatedly, only the one.
Find his way and you’ll be buzzing near the gold,
it’s a missing link to vault your bottle run.

SOLVE 3

This clue is a reference to the famous “Dan & Dave” Reebok advertising campaign of 1992 before the Summer Olympics. Dan O’Brien and Dave Johnson were athletes competing in the decathlon (“run”, “vault” = track and field, and the winner of the decathlon is sometimes called the World’s Greatest Athlete). Both are members of the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, neither won the 1992 decathlon in Barcelona, but O’Brien won the gold four years later at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics (“belatedly”). O’Brien attended Henley High School (“boys



of summer” is a song written by Don Henley, and Henley’s mascot is the Hornet (“buzzing”). On the northern side of Klamath Falls is Dan O’Brien Way (“find his way”), and it is located about 2 miles from the bottle. Additionally, Klamath Falls was once known as Linkville (“missing link”).

CLUE 4

Chuck and bro’s gift has had skiing and skating, it was also a wily home for a zoo.
Today, aces are possible in more than one game, in this place someone will say “woohoo!”.

SOLVE 4

This clue points you to Moore Park, a large city park in Klamath Falls. It was donated (“gift”) by brothers Rufus & Charles (“Chuck”) Moore. While the park now has extensive hiking trails, tennis & disc golf (the last two are sports where you can make an “ace”), it once was the home for downhill skiing and ice skating activities. Additionally, it was the location for the Moore Zoo. The zoo was founded in 1931 when the city came into possession of a coyote (“wily” = Wile E. Coyote) before closing in the 1970s.

Finally, note another “more.”

CLUE 5

If you start at Nevada and continue west you’ll be linked to a waterfront road.
To your right is a lake that’s second to one and a playground in construction mode.

Look for a sign so dearly important and prance across to Rufus’ dedicated wall.
There you’ll see a multi stemmed tree, find it first and win it all.

SOLVE 5

At the northeast end of Moore Park is Nevada Street. Crossing a bridge (“link”, but another reference to Linkville) Nevada Street becomes Lakeshore Drive. As you head west, to your right is Upper Klamath Lake (“second to one”, the second largest lake in Oregon only to Goose Lake) and a playground that is receiving a major renovation as part of the Moore Park Playground Project.

Also to your right as you enter the park is a deer crossing sign (“dearly important”). Directly across from the sign (“prance across”) is a stone wall dedicated to Rufus Moore by his wife Clara. A tree with six stems is next to the wall - the bottle is wedged between the tree and the wall.

FOUND!

