

# Hidden Bottle Hunt 2023

Explanations for Zone 4 Clues



**BottleDrop**  
Oregon Redemption Center

## CLUE 1

Whoa, Nelly! Find a scrappy bronc for battle  
blessed with tines for a sternum so hollow.  
In his day, almost ninety percent were thrown off,  
you too, unless 180 you turn him and follow.

## SOLVE 1

This clue refers to War Paint, a statue in Prineville. The statue is in honor of the saddle bronc War Paint ("bronc for battle"), a famed horse who was the three time Rodeo Cowboys Association Bucking Horse of the Year, an honor won in large part because he threw off nearly 90 percent of his riders. The statue is made with found objects ("scrappy"), and the rib cage ("sternum so hollow") is made of manure forks ("tines"). In its permanent location, War Paint faces east, but the bottle is west, so you'll be thrown off unless you turn him 180 degrees.

## CLUE 2

It starts down south at a place we'd call unusual  
before it proceeds to cross something quite big.  
It ends just past gold before reincarnation in maple,  
get back in the zone, within five miles are bottle's digs.

## SOLVE 2

This clue references US Route 97. The highway starts in California ("down south") near Weed ("we'd", a town often referenced as an unusual place name). The highway proceeds through Central Oregon before arriving at the Columbia in Biggs Crossing, OR (a double clue, as the Columbia is something big as well). US Route 97 terminates just past Oroville, WA (named after the Spanish word for "gold") before starting again as British Columbia Highway 97 ("reincarnation in maple"). Once you look back to zone 4 ("get back in the zone"), the bottle is within five miles of US 97 (actually, less than a quarter of a mile, but it's too early to tell you that in the second clue!)

## CLUE 3

Last year, JR and friends remembered  
Sarah and son's generous donation.  
A great network arose for personal repose,  
within the system is the bottle's location.

## SOLVE 3

This clue points you to a state park. In 2022, Oregon State Parks celebrated its 100th anniversary. The anniversary was based on the 1922 gift from Sarah Helmick and her son James of 5.5 acres located south of Monmouth. It started as a rest area, the first state park in a system ("great network", "system") that would become among the most visited state parks in the nation. JR Beaver is the mascot of the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department.



Zone 4 (and the area around US 97, specifically) has numerous state parks. However, if you drill down on the clue a bit, repose could mean recreation, but it also could mean rest. While the eventual location (Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint) is a stunning viewpoint, its most basic function is that of a rest area - the same type of location as Sarah & James' original gift in 1922.

#### CLUE 4

An aerial king took off the top of his foe,  
his memorial spans quite a scene to view.  
Instead of his namesake, to nearby others you go,  
keep feet on the ground and chug along, choo choo.

#### SOLVE 4

The first line of the clue points you to Rex T. Barber Veterans Memorial Bridge ("span") on US 97. Rex (Latin for "king") was a fighter pilot ("aerial") from Culver who was part of the operation that intercepted and shot down Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander of the Japanese Combined Fleet in World War II. "Off the top" has a dual meaning - Yamamoto was the "top" of enemy forces, but also off the top is something you would say to a barber. The second line "a scene to view" directs you to Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint.

There are three bridges at this viewpoint, and while finding the Barber bridge gets you to the viewpoint, the other two bridges ("nearby others") are much closer to the bottle. The Crooked River High Bridge, a pedestrian bridge ("feet on the ground") and the Crooked River Railroad bridge ("chug along, choo choo") are where you should be.

#### FOUND!

#### CLUE 5

His document (and death) had anniversaries on Tuesday;  
in his namesake county the bottle now lies.  
In his time, they didn't park in the Oval a lot  
but one of these nine rocks the grand prize.

#### SOLVE 5

Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint is unique in that it is partially in Jefferson County and partially in Deschutes County. This clue initially points you to search the Jefferson part of the viewpoint, as Thomas Jefferson's document (Declaration of Independence) and death both had anniversaries on July 4 ("Tuesday"). Prior to 1909, oval rooms existed in the White House but were not the chief executive office ("Oval"), so Presidents such as Jefferson didn't spend a lot of time there. However, there is an oval shaped parking lot ("park", "lot") just on the Jefferson side of the viewpoint. The bottle is inside the oval, next to one of nine rocks.

