

Hidden Bottle Hunt 2024

Explanations for Zone 1E Clues  **BottleDrop**
Oregon Redemption Center

CLUE 1

You need a four-prong strategy, a tall task indeed
Tenacity, research, cleverness, exploration
Everything can have meaning, down to the letter
Needs attention and careful calibration.
Supposedly a joke, beat Bobby Flay Fair and square
If you're taking a stab in view of zone bifurcation
Let yourself reorder the character of the piece by one
Furnishing a general handle on the location.

SOLVE 1

This clue directs you to the World's Tallest Fork in Fairview, OR (note "Fair" and "view" among the words, as well as "tall"? This is a relatively new record; the public art was installed in 2022, taking the record from Springfield, MO. The previous record-holding fork is located at the headquarters of the Food Network ("beat Bobby Flay"?). According to city leaders, the idea of a huge fork next to a food truck pod was initially a joke that eventually became reality.

There are several different components directing you to a fork. "Four-prong", "taking a stab"; "handle" are the most obvious; "bifurcation" comes from the word fork; and "piece" has a double meaning, both for public art as well as part of a cutlery set. Sharp observers might also note "utensil" spelled out at the start of each line, if you change the "You" to "U".

One feature of the fork is the "letter"/"character" F on the handle of the fork. If you change the alphabetical order by one, you get "E", directing you to the east.

CLUE 2

Old math: before division by seventeen
130000 plus equaled number one.
Always subtraction, who needs addition?
But the new math might multiply your fun.

SOLVE 2

This clue points you to Wasco County. At 130,000 plus square miles, it was the largest county ever formed ("number one"? in the United States. However, seventeen other Oregon counties have been formed from the original Wasco boundaries; it never again added territory.

CLUE 3

In a rush to produce some liberty
A political tug of war came to a head.
The city won in DC, but somewhat pyrrhically
We Trust you'll grade better if you there tread.



SOLVE 3

This clue points you to The Dalles. In 1864, the US Congress passed a bill to authorize a mint in Dalles City (now known as The Dalles). The mint was seen as necessary due to gold rushes in eastern Oregon and in Idaho. Oregon Senator James W. Nesmith had first unsuccessfully attempted to locate the mint in Portland, and another attempt to change the location to Portland was also defeated in 1865. However, due to many factors, including the end of the gold rushes, railroad construction, and fire, the mint never went online, denoting a "Pyhrric" victory. "Liberty", "head", "grade" and "We Trust" (In God We Trust) all point to coin production. DC is a double clue, denoting both the District of Columbia and Dalles City.

CLUE 4

Ladder by water at the path's east
Killer by air at the path's west
Where on the path to trade for something divine?
With the preacher by earth to the south, align
Your mission will certainly be blest.

SOLVE 4

This clue points you to the Riverfront Trail in The Dalles. The eastern terminus of the trail is The Dalles Dam, which features a fish ladder allowing white sturgeon and other fish to pass upstream. The western terminus of the trail is the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, which features a 14-year-old red-tailed hawk named Killer. Since the trail is 6.5 miles long, you might want a little more guidance, though!

The bottle is located at a point on the trail nearly directly north of Pulpit Rock (preacher by earth). Pulpit Rock was a location where preachers of the Methodist Mission, founded in 1838, delivered sermons. The mission was designed to proselytize Indigenous Americans who often traded at the present-day location of The Dalles. If you align yourself on the Riverfront Trail with Pulpit Rock, you'll be at Rock Fort.

FOUND!

CLUE 5

On journey full of firsts, they called it a fort
Sounds cheesy! But it's your place to disport
From the west, Meriwether points to your elation.
Another sign says their activity is now banned
But surely, near this riverfront, you'll understand
The nearby prize totally rocks as a consolation.

SOLVE 5

This clue once again refers you to Rock Fort. Rock Fort was a location where Lewis & Clark made a campsite in October 1805. The name was unimaginative but sounds like Roquefort cheese (cheesy being a double clue here). A familiar Lewis & Clark trail sign, with Meriwether Lewis pointing the way, is feet from the hide location. Also nearby is a sign that says "no overnight camping". The bottle is hidden among the rocks. Additionally, this portion of the Riverfront Trail is parallel to W 1st St.

