

# Hidden Bottle Hunt 2024

Explanations for Zone 4 Clues  **BottleDrop**<sup>®</sup>  
Oregon Redemption Center

## CLUE 1

What can you do to narrow down  
the best county to look in Zone 4?  
Stand at attention to these two-stars  
And you'll need to look no more.

## SOLVE 1

Oregon Beverage Recycling Collective's Zone 4 includes the four counties of Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook and Harney. Readers are urged to narrow the search to both Crook and Harney counties, which are named after US Army Generals (specifically, two star generals).

## CLUE 2

A double yellow line or 3,189 kilometers in the ground.  
Flex your focus here and your heart will abound.  
According to Mr. Owl, it only takes 3 licks...  
If you follow his advice, you'll get your geographic kicks.

## SOLVE 2

This clue gets readers to the geographic center of Oregon, which is Crook County. All references in this clue lead to the word "center": a double yellow line is the center of the road, the center of the earth is the exact radius at the equator (according to NASA) of 3,963 miles, then divided by two to get to the center. Mr. Owl is a reference to the Tootsie Pop commercial in 1982, which revealed that it only takes 3 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.

## CLUE 3

these friends who use bottle drop love the redemption dime.  
can you use your observation skills before running out of time?  
Paulina just loves a frothy Rootbeer.  
Irving drinks with friends, but his is a Non-alcoholic cheer.  
Ewan is not fond of soda, he needs a V8.  
Ida loves Lemonade, it makes her feel great.  
Lane loves the jolt an Energy drink can provide.  
if details aren't your thing, where do you think barney would imbibe?

## SOLVE 3

The clue is composed with no capital letters where there should be. This is to get the solver to pay attention to the capital letters, which spell out, in order: PRINEVILLE. An additional hint at the end mentions barney. Prineville was named by the town's first merchant, Barney Prine.



#### **CLUE 4**

So much green on the map in our city of old.  
Pack up your wagon and head to that blue bold.  
And while you're at it, you might as well heed Mr. Owl's advice really well.  
Stay south of that double yellow and you'll have your own tale to tell!

#### **SOLVE 4**

The first lines of this clue reinforces the reader to stay in the Prineville area. It is located along the Crooked River, which runs through the city. Further wordplay is pointing to readers to look at a map where typically parks are highlighted in green, and water is highlighted in blue. Readers are urged to stay near the river, and Mr. Owl's advice of 3 licks and a double yellow line to stay south of NE 3rd Street.

#### **FOUND!**

#### **CLUE 5**

On the double, get there first to Northeast Third and Main.  
Point your wagon south, my friend - you've got everything to gain.  
You'll find Les and a colorful little path rocking you along.  
Can you hear that genista raetam water singing you a song?  
No need to get wet, just listen to those six: they'll tell you where.  
Bruce Wayne is asleep, he's busy at night, so don't you go knocking there.  
Billy, however, is going to be gruff -  
Don't go in the water, the ground's kind of rough.  
But like Jack Horner, reach way in the corner - remove those pesky props.  
And pull out your prize, it's a great size - you've found your Bottle (Drop)!

#### **SOLVE 5**

Directions lead readers to follow Main Street down towards the Les Schwab Baseball/Soccer Fields in Crooked River Park, along a gravel path lined with painted rocks to the pedestrian bridge. You don't need to go onto the bridge where the bat house is, but instead stay on the rough ground. Reach into the far corner of the foundation of the bridge, where the bottle is sitting tucked all the way back behind 3 rocks.

