

2024 & Beyond, PHS - Historical Scavenger Hunt

"Can You Find It ???" *Game Card*

CHALLENGE: This is a **clue-based and mobile device** activity, where you will use the provided cryptic clues on this Game Card to find various historical locations that played a significant role in Princeton's history. As a last resort, we have included each location's longitude/latitude coordinates to help you zero in on each location.

INSTRUCTIONS: Once you arrive at a location, you need to search to find a 9x6 sign on a stake or tree, on which there will be printed: **Princeton Historical Society**, and a **QR code**, and the **PHS website URL**. Use your mobile device's camera to view the QR code. When the text "Open Flow.com" appear tap that text. This should load/display a link to a PDF which describes and displays circa 1900 images of the location you have found. *****Read/scroll to the bottom of this PDF and record the red keyword you find in to the empty space on your Game Card.** We suggest you save/email this document to yourself to possibly print/read more thoroughly at a later time.

PURPOSE: This historical activity was created to commemorate the 2021 Princeton's 250th year anniversary of its 1771 incorporation. (*Click here to learn about the [difference between 1759 and 1771](#)*¹). This is a no rush activity; it can be done in a weekend or slowly as you find the time. We are sure you'll find it more interesting and engaging to try to find and investigate each location as a family, competition, or some other small group (friends, troop, team, etc.), but it is perfectly OK to attempt it as an individual, too.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Tell someone what you will be doing and bring a cell phone.
2. Bring a bottle of water; please dispose of any trash you have, properly.
3. Wear outdoor hiking appropriate clothing and shoes.
4. Each set of clues for a new location is labeled with its **degree of difficulty**, and a couple are marked requiring a climb or substantial walk.
5. Having a writing utensil, a compass, as well as a camera to document your adventure might prove very helpful during this hunt.
6. Your likely method for travel between locations will be via an automobile, please make sure you park safely off the road and not block some one's driveway.
7. If the location is a private home/property, please on or you near the road, and do not enter their property.
8. Feel free to post your adventure on social media, but do not give away any locations.

1. <https://www.princetonmahistory.org/1759vs1771/>

2024 Game Score Card

Date _____

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Difficulty	Cryptic Clues	Latitude / Longitude	Enter Keyword
Easy	North Past Old Cemetery, Animal Pound, Next Left, Stop Before Grand Entrance, Left Side in Flowers	42.45611, -71.88411	
Easy	South Toward Holden, Opposite White Old Estate, Right Phone Pole	42.43873, -71.87393°	
Med.	Head West, Cross East Ware River Bridge, Left, Across From Old Business, on White Post	42.45496, -71.874330	
Med.	North Past Old Cemetery, After Minn's Sanctuary, Left Till Old Farm, Venue, Upper Parking, Pole	42.481454, -71.907565	
Hard	North From Center, Highest Point, Park, Tower Entrance	42.29204, -71.53121	
Hard Need to Walk	North Past Old Cemetery, After Minn's Sanctuary, Take Left, Park, Walk .22 Miles Up to Where Electricity is Generated, Tree on Right Before Reaching Top	42.47651, -71.89760	
Hard, Need to Walk	Head Northeast Out of Town, Park at Trail Head Just Past Rocky Pond Rd. Park on Right, Follow Gravel Rd. Straight for .65 Miles, Up Long Gradual Hill, Past Boardwalk and Berry Hill Sign, Sign on a Tree, Left	42.5146275, -71.8465770	

After you have found these additional 7 locations, and entered each keyword on your game card, please bring your signed game card to Checkout Desk at the Princeton Library to receive your gift for playing.

2023 Game Score Card

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Having trouble finding a location using our cryptic clues, as a last resort, launch a Map app on your mobile device and enter the longitude/latitude coordinates into the app search window. This should bring you within a **50-foot radius of the sign**. Directions are from the center of town. Now, begin sleuthing, and deciphering the clues below.

Difficulty	Cryptic Clues	Latitude / Longitude	Enter Keyword
Easy	Across from Princeton's 1st Meeting House & 2nd Tavern , 1st Center of Town, Yellow House, Gateway to Triangular Field	42.44791, -71.87697	
Easy	1871 the First "Iron Horse" Arrived Here, Supplies & People Came & Went Till 1954, Entrance on Curve	42.45987, -71.892743	
Med.	Head West, Sanctuary Parking, Go Toward South Meadow, Oak Tree	42.45549, -71.88226	
Hard, Need to Walk	Head North, Enter Up-road to Highest Peak, Park Before Gate, Walk Down Trail Toward Ski Area, Past Chimney, Near Cellar Hole	42.47729, -71.888707	
Hard	East Part of Town, Head South to Old Center, Turn Right, Cross Small Bridge, Just Observe	42.51001, -71.88819	
Hard Need to Walk	Head Toward Mt., 2nd Left, Road Becomes Dirt, Pass 3 Houses on Left, Up Small Hill, at Top Trail to the Right. Enter Trail About 20ft.	42.457787, -71.905615	
Med.	North From Center, Highest Point, Park, Look Around of Tower Entrance	42.47733, -71.84537	
Hard, Need to Walk	Head West, Leave Princeton, Gravel Tar Area on the Left, Park, Walk Around Left End of Fence, Broken Tar Path, Bear Right at Basketball Net, Pass Between 2 Large Stones, Gravel Path into Woods, Water on Left, Explore Stonewall Junction	42.4465806, -71.9654381	Boundary

Please visit www.princetonmahistory.org to learn more about Princeton's rich history.

2022 Game Score Card

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Difficulty	Cryptic Clues	Latitude / Longitude	Enter Keyword
Easy	South of Library, Many Roads Meet, View of Common, A Park, Tree	42.44791, -71.87697	
Easy	Head West, Toward Sanctuary, Past Tennis Courts, Driveway Fork Between 2 Large Homes, Tree	42.45987, -71.892743	
Med.	Across From First Church, Near Dead People, Stone Holding Corral	42.45549, -71.88226	
Hard, Need to Walk	North, Past Yellow Building But Before Cafe, Park, Follow Dirt Road, Cross Dam, Large Tree	42.47729, -71.888707	
Hard	North, Past Winter Rec Area, Just Over Town Line, Left Parking Entrance, Pine Tree	42.51001, -71.88819	
Hard Need to Walk	Head West, Sanctuary Parking, Upper North Meadow, Near Bench	42.457787, -71.905615	
Med.	East Past Sand Pit, Emergency Station Parking, Left Post	42.47733, -71.84537	
Hard	North From Center, Highest Point, Park, Tower Entrance	42.48905, -71.88685	

After you have found these additional 8 locations, and entered each keyword on your game card, please bring your signed game card to Checkout Desk at the Princeton Library to receive your gift for playing.

Name

Email Address

2021 Game Score Card

Date _____

Having trouble finding a location using our cryptic clues, as a last resort, launch a Map app on your mobile device and enter the longitude/latitude coordinates into the app search window. This should bring you within a **50-foot radius of the sign**. Directions are from the center of town. Now, begin sleuthing, and deciphering the clues below.

Difficulty	Cryptic Clues	Latitude/Longitude	Enter Keyword
Easy	East, Village, White Columns, Bench	42.475674, -71.842752	
Easy	Center, Between two old Buildings, Lewis Monument, Flower Bed	42.44881, -71.877359	
Med.	West, Four Corners, Field on Left, Near Marker, Pole	42.451696, -71.884608	
Hard, Need to Climb	North, Path to Summit, Across from Small Parking Area, 100+ yds up, on Right, Tree	42.480399, -71.881303	
Med.	South, Antiques, Past Barn, Before P.O., Outside Entrance	42.422918, -71.878414	
Hard	East, Before TPS, Left, Past a Pond, Left of Club, Not a Main Road, First Homestead Site, Post	42.455847, -71.842045	
Med.	Southwest, Transportation Crossing, Driveway, Tree	42.413459, -71.89873	
Hard	Northeast, Mary R. Returned Here, To the left of sign and post, 20 ft up, Tree	42.50656, -71.86976	

After you have found all 8 locations, and entered each keyword on your game card, please bring your signed game card to Checkout Desk at the Princeton Library to receive your gift for playing.

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