



2024 ARCC Photo Scavenger Hunt

The Game. The game will run all cruising season, from April 1st to Thanksgiving. The objective—in addition to answering the question “Where should we go today?” giving us all someplace definite to take our cars—is to decipher riddles, identify the place or object, drive there (in your 'Vette), take note of the date and time, and photograph the place or thing with your car in the photo (if possible). There are 50 “base” targets (locations/objects) and four bonus targets, so there are lots to choose from no matter where in the Ellsworth-Bangor area you live. All base targets are within about 100 miles of downtown Ellsworth, about a 3-hour drive one way; three of the bonus targets are further out but are interesting enough to justify the extra drive. If you are clever and plan your route well, you might just discover that you can hit multiple targets in a single drive.



What You Are Looking For. Like last year, the list of “targets” in this year’s game is by no means a comprehensive compilation of places of interest in Maine, nor are the targets of any consistent category or description. They are simply places that we thought might be fun to find as game participants tour some of the roads in our part of Maine. They are also ones that lent themselves easily to rhyming riddle clues. Each target is identified in a riddle; some will be fairly obvious and some quite opaque. Some targets are bona fide tourist attractions, some are interesting or scenic spots, some are noteworthy establishments, some are ordinary but well-known places, and some are just unusual. Nearly all riddles will contain clues to both the town/location and, where appropriate, the target object. A few targets, however, are so well known that the riddle focuses on the object (only) rather than making it too easy by drawing attention to the location. In all cases, if you correctly decipher the riddle, the target location/object will be visible from the road. There are no “red herrings” meant to mislead you; everything in the riddles is accurate, if somewhat obtuse. *Pay attention to unexpected words, apparent mistakes, or incorrect spellings in the riddles; they are deliberate.* All this sounds simple, right? Some riddle clues will be really easy to solve, others not so much. For some targets the best approach might be to identify the town then figure out the specific location/place/item. Others could be the reverse: figure out what it is you are looking for and then try to determine the town. (Oh, there’s at least one ‘gimme.’)

Example. Below is an example of a riddle along with an explanation of the clues. Our handful of test subjects all thought this was easy to solve. The underlined words in the example riddle (something that I won’t do for the game) are the clues to help you see how certain words in the riddle clearly identify the location/object. You should quickly see that this riddle identifies *Ellsworth’s Big Chicken Barn* antique shop on Rt 1 headed toward Bucksport.

On Rt 1 plots do thicken, at a place that’s known for chicken. Once a huge barn now a store, it has antiques by the score.

How You Play. You earn points for each location & target object you correctly identify and photograph. The scoring is designed to encourage you to visit the places in your Corvette, but you’ll get points no matter how you get there. If you get completely stuck and decide you need some hints, they will cost you. Here’s the scoring:

- 1 point for correctly identifying and photographing location and target object
- 2 points for photo of correct location & target object with your ‘Vette in photo
- Bonus targets get double points
- 1/4 point “cost” for any hint

There are two exceptions to this scoring: There are two targets at which there is no safe place to take a photo that includes your car. Just a photo proving that you actually went there and identified and found the target will earn you the two points.

The person/couple with the most points (correct answers... with photos!) will win. You may consult with family members and friends to decipher the riddles but, please, no other Club members. There is no entry fee and ties will be resolved by the earliest date of the last photo of a correctly identified place/object. We will announce winners and award prizes at our December Christmas party.

Have fun! Carol and I did as we picked these places and devised the riddles and clues.

2023 Photo Scavenger Hunt Adventure Cruise Record

Participant(s) _____

#	Clue Riddle	Target Identification	Date	Photograph?	
		Location and Object (if applicable)	Visited	Target Only	With 'Vette
1.	No man smoking on horseback will you find around here. But to watch water and birds to this beach you might steer.				
2.	How dare you say it's not my time! Do not defy this plea sublime. Now solemnly I ask for this. May I swim? I must not miss.				
3.	Two colorful dragons that cannot fly, With a place to soar that's right nearby. You needn't look hard as you drive by And see them dream of flying high.				
4.	Cases here are tried no more. There's art in here but it's no store. Outside a soldier carved in stone. He's by himself, he's all alone. A Union man on column high, You might salute as you drive by. Across the bridge, past store for cooks Go up the hill and have a look.				
5.	Like tiny fish upon the Green Another place they can be seen. Bond number seven lends his name. But visit here? Just not his game. See Atlantic fish unique, Native fish are what you seek. It's called a brook, but so much more Age puts it high in fish stock lore.				
6.	There's a place that's up on high Where birds can go if they can't fly. Visitors come the birds to see Donate a bit, both you and me.				

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7.	Did the whoopie pie come from here? No one is really sure. Baked here since 19-25, the story does endure.				
8.	Think of the Tommy gun But go here for fun. When out for a'Vette run. Take in the sun. It's just off the mainland A picnic spot grand. Nearby Mt. Desert and Close by at hand.				
9.	Two places included on this list Both honor birds, you get the gist. This place has birds both carved and real, But either one, just look don't feel. Down the road from Acadia's Park, Here people come to see fine art, Come to visit this museum But don't touch, you're here to see'em.				
10.	Its name suggests a skating place, But look for skates, there'll be no trace. Here's a hint; I know you're shrewd: The ice from here once cooled folks' food. Head east from Ellsworth, off you go. But in this town you must drive slow. Gazebo's what you'll drive right by A smallish sign is all you'll spy.				
11.	"Plantation 7" it was known The county seat now calls this home. By this street there's flowing water So should I stop? I think I ought'a. There's artwork on the building side I think I'll stop and treat my eye.				

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12.	We stopped by here upon a lark To get some fresh air in this park. By George, the river looks quite fine! Would people care if we drank wine? My blanket sports a Union Jack, To get some air I'm on my back. We'll hurry home before it's dark. But we'll return to this fine park.				
13.	Homemade in Maine for all to savor. Look for almost any flavor. Four of these around the state. Confections sold most think are great. This hunt requires only one, But you'll want more before you're done.				
14.	Replacing one destroyed by flame It's now the source of local fame. Not made of stone but all of wood, For stage productions it was good. And social events like games and meetings Once its future seemed quite fleeting A local group now runs the show Down by the sea is where you go.				
15.	Another place with treats quite cold. Easy to find, or so I'm told. In eleven's town up where it's hilly Stop in here when it's not chilly.				
16.	If a challenge you want and don't really mind This target might be impossible to find. "Why is that?" you might think and decide to ask. Deciphering clues is a straightforward task. Once there were tents along Bangor Road, Each held some treasures for you to behold. In front of the tents were two giant chairs, But, sadly, it seems, just the chairs are still there				

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17.	It's just for people, not a car A local run that goes not far. Take this boat to save you time Sail across a bay so fine. Never in winter does this run, But count on it for summer fun.				
18.	When what you want is organic There is no need to really panic. A group of friends they got together Side by side in any weather. If you can't sort out this cryptic clue, Use your head and don't be blue.				
19.	Not on the river, its name's somewhat silly. Nothing to make you think orchid or lilly. Right near the "Y" of 1A and 1 Things that they sell are mostly for fun.				
20.	A plan hatched here most DARing. To defeat the Brits, no erring. But, alas, 'twas not to be, Now called "Lexington of the Sea." After fleeing from the plot Margetta's Moore was shot. He died here in this place. Of blood there's still a trace.				
21.	Washington never took this train of that you can be sure. See local sights and ride in style. Bored? Here is the cure.				
22.	If Paul Bunyan fished for lobster this trap is what he'd use. It's very large, this wire box Its bouy's just as huge. He'd need a friend to heft it and empty it as well. His catch would be amazing and that would be just swell.				

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23.	You came in style; What was your mode? To find recreation off this local road. If your name is Smith, it is not your pond Unless you possess a magic wand. In Gouldsboro town, a fine place to play Or swim is the water the entire day.				
24.	When it comes to carving he's the best At least he says he beats the rest. In Hancock where the tide meets crab. What he makes is seldom drab.				
25.	I know of a walk where river meets sea It's a short walk you know, a stroll that is free. You'll find a bridge but nary a mill, But here is your goal, not much of a thrill. Walk north from where you parked your car Near 1 and 1A, it's not very far.				
26.	By the courthouse are books if closely you look. General Moore's up the street. Nearby you'll find sweets.				
27.	Let's take a scenic drive today, along the water with a "J". The only one in Maine I'm sure Sea stunning beauty and allure. To head northeast it's south you go! You can't drive fast, so take it slow.				
28.	"Taste the wild" is what they claim What they sell has national fame. Where they are misleads, you see The town it starts with letter "C."				
29.	Separate towns once split by water Join together? Why, we oughta'. Two-named towns are not the norm. Now a hyphen is the proper form. In this town a theatre historic will make a history buff euphoric.				

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30.	Out searching for targets t'was here that we drove. To one of the beaches of Salsbury Cove. We found crystal clear water, stones, and some sand Not far from Ellsworth a place rather grand!				
31.	An odd sort of building that honors Maine Inside a museum, none say it is plain. Invented in Union, Mainers know it quite well. A taste you acquire, some say it is swell.				
32.	"Water" you'll think with name of this place. Old toys abound, on each shelf do they grace. Some decades old so it's not for the young. Here adults young at heart can have lots of fun. (If you need one more hint to stop being moody, Nearby get some lunch if you're not a foody.)				
33.	It's odd to find in this place Cars around the oval that race. Feeling urges to speed? Suppress your need. Don't want a state cop in your face!				
34.	Consider the Nike but it's not the shoe Think of another is what you must do. A cousin of Nike lent this place its name But little remembered without any fame. When you find the right era you're on the right track. If places to store things is just what you lack. Drive on 1A as you head out of town And follow your hunch; it won't let you down.				
35.	Rocks that are hollow are what you'll find here East over the tall bridge and left will you veer. All sorts of rocks are here to be found. Just don't go in winter 'cause no one's around.				
36.	Wapiti stands tall close by the home of the rat. Alone with its thoughts.				

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37.	Two bears and a moose Are out on the loose. It's a moose not a mouse. Nearby a stone house, Down the road from Dunbar You needn't go far. Woodstoves your benchmark, it's right there you'll park. Nearby a small bridge Look up on the ridge.				
38.	If you're a big fan of green energy, head east on Rt 9 and soon you will see the targets you seek but must view from afar. You can't get too close Off the road park your car.				
39.	What direction the water? Depends on the time. You can stop for a picnic and not spend a dime. On seeing some eagles you might say aha! Or spotting a seal you might say voilà.				
40.	To greet a cow you just say "Moo. Not "hello" or "how do you do." This place some say is the cream of the crop. Want a sweet treat? In here you will stop. Just off the street by a place that is Grand. Stop by and sit, you don't have to stand.				
41.	In Bar Harbor a woman with gardens ornate Sold house and gardens, both left to their fate. In saving the grounds from being ravaged A Mainer came by but them he did savage. Now Japanese inspired these gardens are; Part of the grounds you see from your car. But park by the road and wander around. See flowers and shrubs that will astound.				

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42.	Not far from Sam's and down by the river. The site of a story that will make you shiver. To find this place it is here that you'll drive. In seeking a Gage who's no longer alive. Some say a boy named Creed does lie here a vengeful boy who brings lots of fear. Back from the dead he comes her to slay His mother he kills on that very day.				
43.	It's just off the stage route, or so I am told. It is a fine place where apples are sold. Barbarian Arnold might come to this store For cheese and some pickles, and so much more. This town has no mountain blowing its top- Relax you're in Maine; it's a fine place to stop.				
44.	Winnie the Pooh he lived in this wood. But not in New York, here in Maine and that's good. A short walking loop through flowers most cool With hardwoods and shrubs and a huge vernal pool.				
45.	Stop by here for wood fire flavor Stop by here, take time to savor. Stop by here, the fire's a'blazing. Stop by here, the beer is amazing. Stop by here; food's wholesome and true. Stop by here and don't be blue.				
46.	Today it's in Portland but moving they say, To a new place in Bangor where exhibits will stay. But if they are moving, they clearly aren't through. The building looks empty, the sign hangs askew. Here you may find a strange critter or beast Then head up the road for a Governor's feast.				
47.	Old Queen Liz, her dogs were two; their breed doth rhyme and that's your clue. This clue's obtuse I agree with you, but it's the best that I can do. Buy apples here that have no bruises They'll let you make the finest juices. This cider clue I know confuses, Just find the road of triple deuces.				

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48.	Half-way to the pole you will certainly be When along U.S. 1 this marker you see. The inscription is readable albeit faint And in the US, none older they're ain't.				
49.	Drive past the Park and cute village too, To a place that will certainly interest you. Go past the place there's two one oh toos And head to Southwest, don't be confused. Just down the highway, take a road on your right, Follow your nose, think hard and you might Find a place that now honors Maine's finest stone 'Twas built by a man working all on his own. He can chat about methods or about rocks. The amount that he knows will knock off your socks.				
50.	Sedgwick's where this shop is found And little else you'll find around. But what to buy? Don't be confused. It's books he sells, most gently used. The smallest in the world they say. The honor system's how you pay. Push a cart or drive your 'Vette Just bring cash and you'll be set				

Bonus Targets — Each one counts double

These are "bonus" targets because either the riddles are more obtuse or the targets are a bit far away. But as with the primary targets, all the information in the riddles is accurate; there is nothing misleading.

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51.	The drive's a bit far but the visit is free. Look at the odd things up in this tree. Your shoes might have some things with this name, But this one's quite different, it's just not the same! Head south out of Houlton so this one you don't miss. But too far you have gone if you get to Calais.				

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52	<p>From potato farm in northern Maine Once flew a craft, but not a plane. A raptor gave this craft its name Its pilots now have earned their fame. A floating trip across the ocean. Visit here if you've a notion.</p>				
53.	<p>From our locale this one's a hike but something you will surely like. A huge depiction of the Earth 41 feet across its girth.</p>				
54.	<p>Anowaukeag once was this town's name Long before Europeans came Bridges three have graced this place Of the first, there's not a trace.</p> <p>The Sargent Bridge, it stood here first After seven years its structure burst. To cross the water, walk or ride. There came a boat to cross the tide</p> <p>On the oars a man named Gordon The work was hard, no time for boredom. Then others came as decades passed But the ferry ride was not to last.</p> <p>A modern bridge now spans the river No longer one to make you quiver. To mark this place a place a sign historic Solve this last riddle, grin euphoric.</p>				