



2023 Scavenger Hunt... Stackpoles Win Again!

Les and Franny Stackpole were the only couple to attempt the 2023 ARCC photo Scavenger Hunt and attack it with enthusiasm they did! They had answers—and photos with their car—for all 54 riddles, some of which took them well away from the immediate Ellsworth area. They got 40 of the 50 base riddles exactly right and all four bonus riddles correct. And of the ten base riddles they didn't get spot on, four of their "incorrect" answers were so well thought out that I gave them either full or partial credit. All in all, there were 58 total points available and the Stackpoles scored an impressive 50½! Here are the "correct" answers... that is, the ones we intended.

- 1. TOPSIDER HOUSES AT ASTICOU INN (NORTHEAST HARBOR)**
Houses with eight sides, something that is very rare.
Now they are hotel rooms that tourists want to share.
They're near Acadia's park and some fine scenic spots,
Look by a harbor chock full of luxury yachts.
- 2. DUNBAR STORE (SULLIVAN)**
High on the hill above Frenchman's Bay
Is an old store that's now back to stay.
Scenic overlook nearby, just don't go too fast.
Here you can buy a fine evening repast.
- 3. FRESHWATER STONE (ORLAND)**
A roadside shop that's known for stone,
Nearby a place that they call home.
In Disney World? No, not at all.
Bring your truck, their stuff ain't small.
- 4. PURPLE COW RESTAURANT (WATERVILLE)**
Ogden never thought he'd see one
But in Waterville he did.
There along the main road;
In plain sight; t'wasn't hid.
(In clue 50 is a hint so fine,
It talks about fine rum and wine.)
- 5. WORCESTER WREATH (HARRINGTON)**
Think of circular forms with tied on fir tips.
Late fall into winter here pickups make trips.
One of several locations you think it might be
Look near 1 and 1A, not far from the sea.
- 6. TWIN HILLS COTTAGES (ELLSWORTH)**
Colorful cottages by the road
these to me one traveler showed.
Twixt chicken and a rooster, bro;
you'll see them when you're driving slow.
- 7. GLENDARRAGH LAVENDER FARM (APPLETON)**
Tom Terrific's crabby friend was rotten to the core,
In this town he'll surely find a small lavender store.
- 8. ANTIQUES, TRASH & TREASURES (SEARSPORT)**
Some sailors went shopping with me
at a store in a town by the sea.
It's a store with great prices, great stuff.
Of which fishermen can't get enough.
This target is close by this store
where you'll find marine things and more.
This target's a barn full of junk,
Old Abandoned Farm Equipment (Rt 15, Dover-Foxcroft)
Crafty foxes abound but nary a hen
To get into the field he dove over them.
Then worked his way through equipment all busted
Finding myriad tractors both ancient and rusted.
- 9. HARVEY FARM EQUIPMENT (RT 15, DOVER-FOXCROFT)**
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To get into the field he dove over them.
Then worked his way through equipment all busted
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- 10. SORRENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING**
East on Rt 1 past the cove that is long
At the blue store turn right; you are not wrong.
It's the right turn if a skull cave you see
So take that right turn and head to the sea.
Find a small cove with a large-ish boat yard
Go further on; you must keep looking hard.
To find an old building that once held some books.
Now, just admire it, if just for its looks.
- 11. ALEXANDER ART TRAIL (ALEXANDER)**
In Hamilton's village are trails in the wood
Just off the Airline are sculptures quite good.
- 12. CALAIS RIVERFRONT PARK**
In Maine we say this town with "iss,"
In France it's with an "a."
Near the border is a park
Where families come to play.
- 13. BUCKSPORT PARK (AKA PEARY'S LANDING)**
An old mill, two bridges, three rivers... count'em
This town park has a very nice fountain.
But despite the name when you stop here
You won't see even one male deer.
- 14. COLBURN SHOE STORE (BELFAST)**
In USA there's none this old
though others make the claim so bold.
No gloves they sell but things for feet
prominent on this town's main street.
- 15. MOMO'S CHEESECAKES (ELLSWORTH)**
A certain kind of tasty cake
this woman found that she could make.
Untended is her Ellsworth store
Don't buy just one; take home lots more.
- 16. GRANITE GARDEN (SULLIVAN)**
No melody here did Gilbert pen;
if his partner did I know not when.
A singing bridge but now no more
Cross concrete road from shore to shore.
A garden quiet where nothing grows.
Fine sculptures there are what he shows.
They're made from stones from his old pit.
Just don't you take them for gran-it.
- 17. CUTLER HARBOR**
Think of knives, forks, and spoons when you come here by car.
There are small boats close by and wires seen from afar.

- 18. PASSAGASSAWAUKEAG RIVER BRIDGE (BELFAST)**
 Don't be fast to ring the bell
 Unless the answer you will tell.
 Is it flatulence on the river?
 Its name's enough to make you quiver.
 You'll think the name is awful cute
 But no place for a photo shoot.
 So just go slow as you drive by
 And take your photo on the fly.
- 19. THE GRAND THEATER (ELLSWORTH)**
 When you're better than great they call you this name.
 In the heart of the city, a building with fame.
 A place where locals can put on a play
 Shows that are there can change day to day.
 If you need more than this to decipher the place,
 the answer will give you some egg on your face.
- 20. BLINK BONNIE GOLF COURSE (SORRENTO)**
 Don't flutter your eyelids my fine bonnie lass.
 When chasing white balls around in the grass.
- 21. DC AIR/LOBSTORE (WINTER HARBOR)**
 Drive 186 almost down to the shore
 To find a large place with lobsters and more.
 What does "air" have to do with things in the sea?
 In a town on the coast, it's a mystery to me.
- 22. ROUNDTOP ICE CREAM (DAMARISCOTTA)**
 No rectangles or squares will you find at this place.
 Of ellipses or triangles there's not a trace.
 When thinking of where this clue directs you stop
 Don't be circling around when you look for this shop.
 Cold treats on the main road in Damariscotta,
 Stop here for dessert, why I just think you oughta'.
- 23. WYMAN'S BOXING CLUB (STOCKTON SPRINGS)**
 Why, man, put on gloves and let's go a round.
 Stock up on aspirin; try to stay off the ground.
 This sport is exciting, but to some it's a bore.
 But should you go down, please spring back for more.
- 24. THRESHER BREWERY (SEARSMONT)**
 A submarine that sank to the bottom to stay
 shares a name with this brew pub that's out of the way.
 No Walmart nearby nor is there a Sears.
 But the beer that they're selling could bring you to tears.
- 25. HOWLING GOAT FARM (PALMYRA)**
 A part of your hand that you see very plain
 Will help you determine this little town's name.
 Find a farm where you might see cats on the prowl
 And where goats, it is said, will occasionally howl.
- 26. SOMERSET GRANGE (NORRIDGEWOCK)**
 Not in the valley, nor on the ridge,
 This old time Grange is right near a bridge.
 It's right on the main road at an obvious "Y",
 It's easy to find if you'll only try.
- 27. YU TAKE-OUT (HANCOCK, RT 1)**
 Colonial John wrote his name large, Yu can see.
 But why is this crab not down by the sea?
- 28. STONE CATTLE POUND (BROOKLIN)**
 Cows always weigh more than one pound.
 Unusual is what we have found.
 Take one seven five
 Towards Brooklin you drive.
 A stone fence that's built low to the ground.
- 29. RUTH & WIMPY'S LOBSTER, WILBUR (HANCOCK)**
 Tell her the t-truth right to her face,
 No wimpy lobster at this place.
 Near Hancock's Norseman, near the tide
 Lots of parking for your ride.
- 30. OSPREY NEST ON MUD CREEK ROAD (LAMOINE)**
 You wouldn't expect to find birds on a web
 But on high this post they are the celeb.
 Where down by the mud you might find a toad,
 In the town of Lamoine, right next to the road.
- 31. WINTER HARBOR FIVE AND DIME**
 The name's outdated for a store
 but here you'll find good things galore.
 For things you need in any season,
 What Peter has there is amazin'.
 Think of five then add five cents more.
 It's out of the past, close by the shore.
- 32. FRANKLIN GRANITE INDUSTRY DISPLAY**
 Post Office Ben might call this town home.
 Look for a park that now honors stone.
 Right off the road, a small granite display,
 Watch for the Tide that you'll see on the way.
- 33. MILLBRIDGE COMMONS WELLNESS PARK**
 Near 1 and 1A is where you must go.
 When finding this site, you have to drive slow.
 A town's green space that's down by the shore
 You'll find veggie plants and even much more.
 It's wellness for all, the sign doth proclaim.
 Nearby is good Mex food of some local fame.
- 34. BAYSIDE COTTAGES (NORTHPORT)**
 Cute little cottages of a seasonal sort
 painted in colors, in a compass point port.
 In very neat rows along narrow streets
 Once it was just for religious retreats.
- 35. BEAL UNIVERSITY (BANGOR)**
 Be all you can be at this Bangor school
 Earn your degree and you won't be a fool.
 At one hundred thirty, it's here to stay.
 It's right off the highway but out of the way
- 36. NORTHERN SOLSTICE ALPACA FARM (UNITY)**
 This town is united together as one.
 And these are not camels, out in the sun.
 If in winter or summer you head out for fun
 Narrow two special days down to just one.
 You could pack a bag but it's not very far,
 There and back in one day if going by car.
- 37. RUGGLES HOUSE (COLUMBIA FALLS)**
 This town makes you think of the gem of the ocean
 Where a prominent judge once had an odd notion
 To commission a house in the style of Adams.
 And there it stands, still, just off the macadam.

- 38. WINTER HARBOR LIBRARY**
A beautiful building that's made out of stone
Where books of all sorts make it their home.
A big yellow fisherman's not far away
Come here to read and spend the whole day.
(And if you are wanting just bit more,
Look to last year, in clue number four.)
- 39. ROQUE BLUFF STATE PARK**
We play salad poker and I call your bluff.
Caesar beats Roquefort and that is just tough.
It's off the main road and out of the way.
Is a park that's for all to have fun and to play.
- 40. ELLSWORTH HARBOR MARINA**
There's a local harbor quite close by
where majestic eagles just might fly.
Boats, a park, an ice cream stand,
And last year, a sculpture grand.
Done by a friend to you and me,
It honors creatures from the sea.
- 41. ROOSTER BROTHER (ELLSWORTH)**
Just a single sibling, there's no "S."
Stop here to relieve your cooking stress.
By the river at the bridge,
Find some things to fill your fridge.
- 42. BLUE JACKET SHIPCRAFTERS MODEL SHIPS STORE (SEARSPORT)**
Near the shop in number 8
Find tiny ships of little weight.
Not on Broadway, on Route 1
A store where boaters can have fun.
- 43. ERNIE'S STEAMPUNK SCULPTURES (TOWN HILL)**
Not a young punk just blowing off steam
This man is a sculptor, he's friendly, not mean.
Kids of all ages will get such a thrill
To visit Ernest in a Town on a Hill
- 44. GOULDSBORO MINIONS, RT 186**
If you look all around
There's no Gru to be found.
On Rt. 186
They are yellow with tricks.
- 45. SURRY GARDENS**
Fencers say "en garde."
Of flowers writes the Bard.
Old timers sing
of fringed things.
Find me, it isn't hard.
- 46. SEAL COVE AUTO MUSEUM**
Are those porpoises? No, they're seals.
Stop in here and view the wheels.
A special place that's out of the way.
A place where car fans want to stay.
- 47. LUNCH ON THE WHARF (COREA)**
Lunch you want down on the water?
Should you go? I think you ought'a.
In a harbor not in Asia,
the drive is short and will not phase ya.
The place is small, just like a dwarf,
you'll eat outside upon the wharf.
- 48. OCEANSIDE CHIROPRACTIC (SEARSPORT)**
Rarespots is no town name.
But a clue just the same.
Have aching joints or back?
Get yourself back on track.
Drive on south to this shop.
And off Rt 1 you'll stop.
Drive right up, just be bold.
Find the hand that's painted gold.
- 49. CASTINE HARBOR PIER**
In this village by the ocean
some train here to be a bosun.
A teaching ship, a restaurant,
The waterfront is what you want
- 50. BARTLETT WINERY, CHICKEN MILL ROAD (GOULDSBORO)**
If catered parties are your game,
This rustic shop has local fame.
No a-pear-a-tif will you find here,
There's wine and rum, and not a beer.
Off the road, once near a mill
the liquor is too strong to swill.
A riddle strange, the plot doth thicken.
Which came first, the egg or chicken?

2023 Bonus Targets

- 51. MILLION DOLLAR BIRDHOUSE WALL (MOSCOW)**
Despot Vlad is nowhere found
in this particular Maine State town.
Along the road bird houses cute
But no place for a photo shoot.
So just go slow as you drive by
And take your photo on the fly.
- 52. DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SIGN (BUCK'S HARBOR)**
A prison here? A great debate.
Some years ago they shut the gate.
Reopened now, it's out downeast
But stay in here? Not in the least!
Past mall and beach, go out that way,
the sign is all you seek today.
- 53. DOVE TAIL BAT COMPANY (SHIRLEY MILLS)**
These sticks are made from Maine hardwood
Amateurs and pros both think they're good.
If you want one that's a cut above,
Find the factory named for the dove.
Drive to this town and shirley you will
find what you seek in this tiny mill.
- 54. WORLD'S LARGEST TELEPHONE (WOODSTOCK (BRYANT POND))**
Woodstock? Why, there was none bigger.
Why seek this one out? Just go figure.
No text for me; I'll use the phone.
I just don't want to go alone.
A longer drive than others are.
There and back? All day by car.
This target's huge, I think you'll see.
See it once and you'll agree.