



# 2023 ARCC Photo Scavenger Hunt



**T**he Game. The game will run all cruising season, from April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 a hundred miles of downtown Ellsworth, about a 3-hour drive one way. Below is a map showing the area for most (but not all) items in the scavenger hunt; one target is a bit beyond the area shown but is 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.	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.	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.	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.	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 <b>clue 50</b> is a hint so fine, It talks about fine rum and wine.)				
5.	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.	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.	Tom Terrific's crabby friend was rotten to the core, In this town he'll surely find a small lavender store.				
8.	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, Far more than can fit in your trunk.				

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9.	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.				
10.	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.	In Hamilton's village are trails in the wood Just off the Airline are sculptures quite good.				
12.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.				
20.	Think of knives, forks, and spoons when you come here by car. There are small boats close by and wires seen from afar.				

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17.	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.				
18.	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.				
19.	Don't flutter your eyelids my fine bonnie lass. When chasing white balls around in the grass.				
21.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.				

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27.	Colonial John wrote his name large, Yu can see. But why is this crab not down by the sea?				
28.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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				

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36.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	If you look all around There's no Gru to be found. On Rt. 186 They are yellow with tricks.				

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45.	Fencers say "en garde." Of flowers writes the Bard. Old timers sing of fringed things. Find me, it isn't hard.				
46.	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 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.	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.	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.	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?				



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**Bonus Targets — Each one counts double**

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*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.*

#	Clue Riddle	Target Identification	Date	Photograph?		
		Location (and Object, if applicable)	Visited	None	Reg Car	'Vette
51.	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	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.	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.	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.					