

DISCOVER GREENVILLE

A Downtown Greenville Scavenger Hunt



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Imagine that you are an explorer, and you have landed in the strange and exotic land of Greenville, SC. You don't speak the local language, but that's not a problem. Luckily, this City is a vibrant and beautiful community filled with unique public works of art that can help you piece together the story of Greenville.

This scavenger hunt will lead you on your expedition to explore Greenville's downtown and learn about important people and events in Greenville's history. Background information as well as written and photographic clues are provided to help you in your quest to *Discover Greenville*.



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The map below provides an idea of where the answers to this scavenger hunt might be found. Don't fret if you don't find them all in one outing. It takes time to truly explore a place. Make sure to check out the photographic hints provided, and to read the plaques and descriptions that you discover on your expedition. Keep your eyes open, and remember that the best explorers are patient, observant, and excited about what they find. Good Luck!



Hint
The answers to the questions will not be found
in order!

If you get stuck, find the answers on pg 19.

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The sculpture pictured left is part of a two sculpture installation. What musical instrument is the woman in the other sculpture of the pair (not pictured) playing?

Hint

The name of the pictured statue is "Reminiscence"

There are many different types of installation art. Some art installations are designed for a specific place and become a permanent part of the landscape of that place. Other art installations are temporary. One thing that all art installations have in common is that they transform a place.

While you're standing on the sidewalk, viewing the public art pieces in this scavenger hunt, imagine what that space would be like without these works of art. Would it feel different? In what ways does the public art in downtown Greenville transform the space that it is in?

The sculpture pictured right is titled "Paradigm Pathway." It marks the entrance to a pedestrian bridge in downtown Greenville. What is the maximum amount of weight that this bridge is able to hold?

Hint

The answer can be found if you stand where this picture was taken.



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Fountains can be works of art. Some fountains are decorative while others are interactive, allowing children and adults to cool off during the hot southern summers. The use of water as an element of art is especially appropriate in Greenville, South Carolina, because the city grew up in this particular location due to the presence of the Reedy River and the power that the river provided to grind corn and flour. The Reedy continued to play a prominent role in the city's economy as textile mills made use of the river to turn Greenville into the "textile capital of the South."

Today, the textile mills are gone, but the Reedy river continues to flow through the city, and public art in the form of fountains celebrate this important natural feature of Greenville.

What is the name of the sculptural fountain pictured right?



This train splash fountain is a popular spot to cool off during the summer months. It is located along the river near another railroad themed area where many artist studios are located. What is this area called?

What train line is this fountain honoring?

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The etching pictured right is one of a set of botanical themed line art pieces that can be found alongside the sidewalk in downtown Greenville. Where is this piece of public art located?

Hint

This series of line art works is located close to one of the sculptures on the previous page.



"Shoeless Joe" Jackson, depicted wearing shoes and swinging his bat, "Black Betsy," in the sculpture on the left, is one of Greenville's hometown heroes.

What team was he playing with when he earned the nickname "Shoeless Joe?"

Statues like this one, that depict important people from Greenville's history, can be found throughout downtown Greenville. These statues are special pieces of public art that inform and educate the public about the City's history, tell a story, and honor or commemorate a person.

Most statues have plaques nearby that provide more information about the piece of art or the person that it represents. What else have you learned about Greenville by reading the plaque that tells the story of Shoeless Joe?

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Sometimes, art isn't something extra that has been added to a place, but instead is embedded in the design of the built environment, like the brick paver patterns shown here.

What is the directionally inspired nickname of the area of town where you can find these patterns in the sidewalk?

You will discover many train-themed art pieces during your exploration of downtown. Trains have played an important part in the history of the City, and are still a vital part of the economics of Greenville.

Find the sidewalk mosaic pictured right.

According to the mosaic, what man "lured early railroad lines to Greenville?"



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If you look closely, you can still make out the year 1820 carved into the top of this basin that once provided water to weary travellers in northern Greenville County.

What is this basin called?

If you were to ask 10 people, “What makes a place special?” you may get 10 different answers. There are many things that make a place like Greenville a special place. Public art often reflects the things that people feel are special or important about their community. The stone basin above is part of Greenville’s history, while the abstract sculpture shown right speaks to the natural environment of the upstate.

What do you think is special about Greenville?

What geographic feature found in the upstate does the sculpture pictured right represent?

Hint

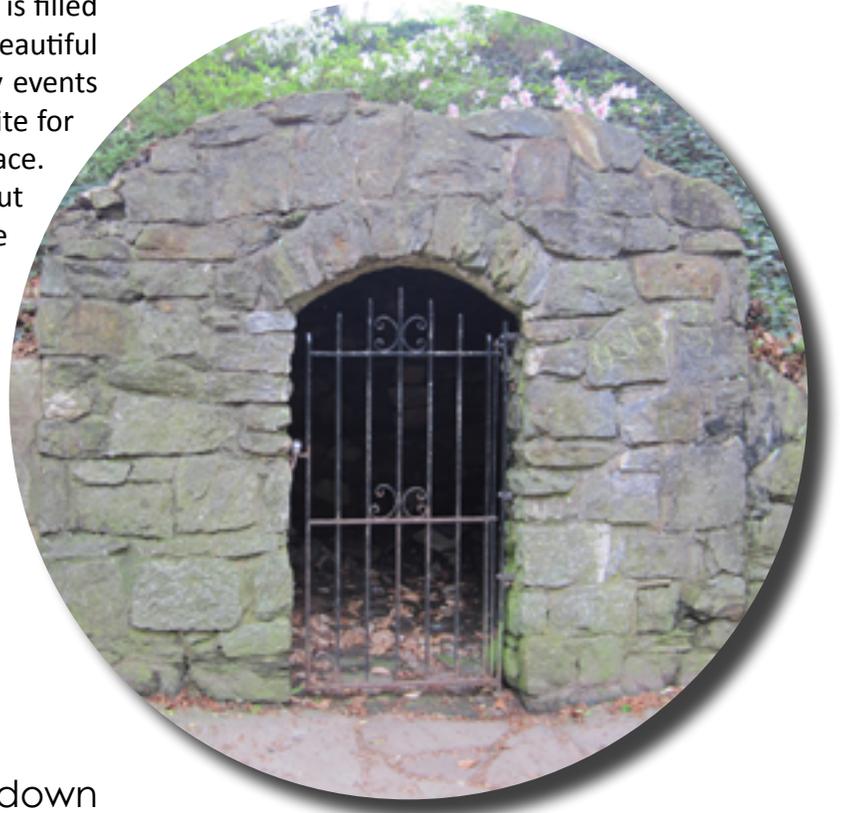
The answer is hidden in the title



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On a summer day, Falls Park on the Reedy River is filled with people. Residents and tourists flock to this beautiful location to exercise, relax by the river, or enjoy events in the park. In addition to being an important site for community interaction, Falls Park is a historic place. Remnants of structures can be found throughout the park along with historic markers that provide glimpses into the history of Greenville. Explore Falls Park to find the answers to the questions on this page. You'll have to do some reading.

In what year did the Civilian Conservation Corps build the spring house shown right?



Which mill was called Camperdown Number One for a period of time before being sold and going back to its original name in 1906?

Hint

You may find an answer carved in stone



Who was the first white settler to establish his home, a grist mill, and trading post alongside the Reedy River?

Which school was located on the bluff above Reedy River Falls from 1851 to 1958?

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The sculpture "Nexus of Light" was gifted to the City of Greenville in what year?

Public art comes in all shapes and sizes. Some pieces, such as the sculpture "Nexus of light," pictured on the left, are given as gifts to a community. Others are commissioned by various groups or individuals.

Like any type of art, public art can be abstract, it can be interactive, or it can be historic. Public art can tell a story, evoke an emotion, and much more. You can learn a lot about a place by studying the artwork that is on display. Don't forget to look up, look around, and look down. One of the most fun things about public artwork is that it can be found anywhere, like the mosaic artwork shown below that can be found embedded in the sidewalk.

What is the name of the man depicted in the sidewalk art mosaic shown right, and what businesses did he own in Greenville?



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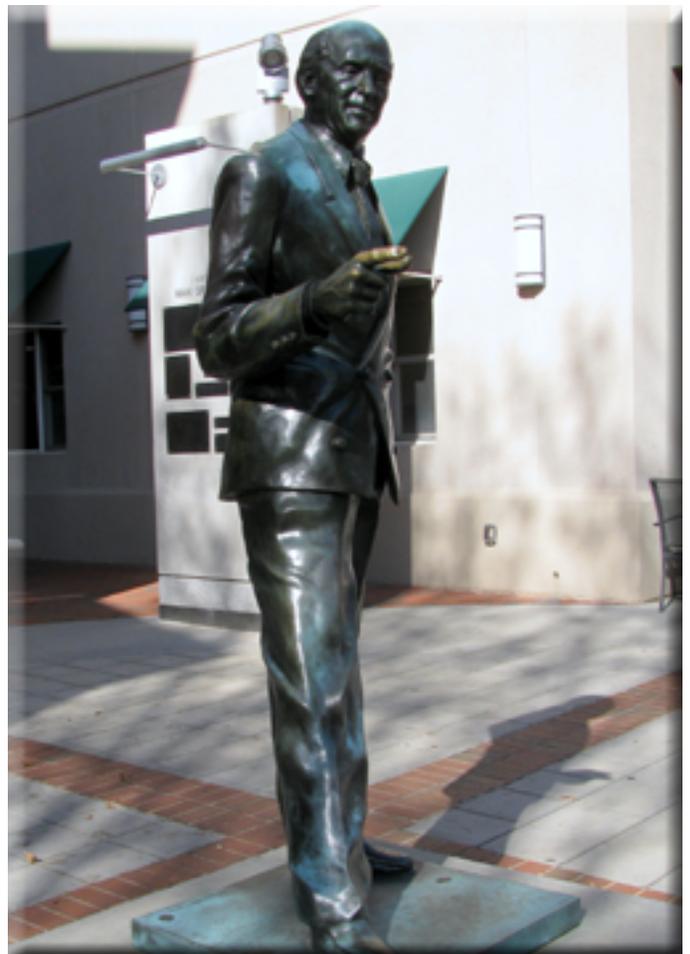
The photograph shown left can be found in Legacy Plaza. It depicts one of Greenville's historic City Councils. Rev. Rayfield Medcalf, standing in the back row second from the left, was Greenville's first African American Council member. When was he elected?

Who is the following quote attributed to?

"I was always grateful for the fact that Greenville has been good to me and helped me in any way it could. Everybody in their own way should put back into society what they have gotten out of society."

Hint

Read the writing on the wall



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Born in Greenville in 1915, the man in the statue shown right won a nobel prize in 1964 in what field?

People are an important part of any community, and the legacy of community members who worked hard to build Greenville and make it a beautiful place to live can be found throughout the city.

Some ways that important historic figures are honored are through the dedication of buildings, the names of roads and parks, and through public art.



The sculpture "Rising Star," shown right, is located in a small garden dedicated to a man also called "The Weaver of Dreams." What is the man's name, and which school district was he superintendent of?

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The two murals on the left and many more like them can be found scattered around downtown Greenville. What useful (and important) items are adorned by these pieces of art?

Hint

The last of 3 "R" words in a popular environmental slogan.



Pictured right, Vardry McBee is a very important historical figure in Greenville. Near his statue, you'll find the following quote: "A man should be prudent and careful, without seeming to be so, in character, information, propriety, friends, and money, and in everything, never neglecting his friends." Carved above this quote is Vardry McBee's honorary title. What is it?



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In what 3 countries are Greenville's sister cities located?

Hint

The answer is in the mosaic partially shown right

It is important for cities, like people, to build relationships with other cities. Relationships can be familial, business, friendship, or any combination of these. As you explore Greenville, you will find hints of some of the City's relationships in the names of businesses and places, and in the art.

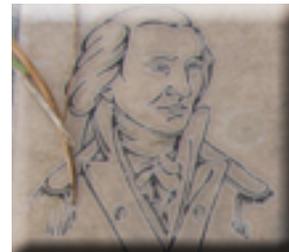


When you come across *Il porcellino*, shown left, you may want to make a wish or rub his nose for good luck. Where can the original statue be found?

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Who were the three "wild men at heart" who fought alongside of General Nathanael Greene in the Revolutionary War?



In what year was the historic main street bridge, shown right, renovated?



Hint

Search on the bridge

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A pocket park is a small, outdoor, public space. Pocket parks are little jewels in the urban environment, providing space for many activities such as playing, relaxing, and enjoying nature. Linky Stone Children's Garden is one of Greenville's unique pocket parks. Any time of year, the Children's Garden is filled with plant life, fun interactive art, and lots of educational activities that engage learners of all ages. The questions on this two page spread can all be answered in Linky Stone Park.

Before the first white settlers moved to the South Carolina upstate, the Cherokee were here. What did Native Americans use River Cane (the plant that the Reedy River is named after) for?

How tall is the Coneflower?

What is Purple Coneflower's scientific, or Latin, name?



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In what year was the mural on the column seen in the background of the photo to the right painted?

Which flower can be found on the alphabet sign for the letter "E"?



What flower colors attract birds and butterflies?

What is the name of the 3 statue set which features the fellow seen left?

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Discover Greenville: A Downtown Greenville Scavenger Hunt was developed by the Livability Educator for Connections for Sustainability as part of the Community Quest Program. The Livability Educator works to engage all ages of individuals in activities and events that explore the connections between the built, social, and natural environment in Greenville, SC.

Download the Discover Greenville: A Downtown Greenville Scavenger Hunt, and more from the Livability Educator's page on the Connections for Sustainability Website.



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Answer Key:

P4, Q1: Flute
P4, Q2: 4 Tons

P5, Q1: Fall Lake Falls
P5, Q2: The "Swamp Rabbit" Line

P6, Q1: On a wall alongside the sidewalk on main street near the entrance to Falls Park and the Fall Lake Falls sculptural fountain.
P6, Q2: The Greenville Spinners

P7, Q1: The "West End"
P7, Q2: Vardry McBee

P8, Q1: Poinsett Spring
P8, Q2: A mountain and waterfall

P9, Q1: 1934
P9, Q2: The Vardry Mill
P9, Q3: Richard Pearis
P9, Q4: Furman University

P10, Q1: 2005
P10, Q2: Wilson Cooke
He owned a general store and a tannery

P11, Q1: 1977
P11, Q2: Max Heller

P12, Q1: Physics
P12, Q2: Dr. Lawrence Peter Hollis
P12, Q3: Parker

P13, Q1: Recycling Bins
P13, Q2: Father of Greenville

P14, Q1: Belgium
Italy
China
P14, Q2: Florence, Italy

P15, Q1: Francis Marion
Thomas Sumter
Andrew Pickens
P15, Q2: 2001

P16, Q1: River cane was used for many things, including arrows, spears, blowguns, walls, baskets, and mats.
P16, Q2: Approximately 2 1/2 feet high
P16, Q3: *Echinachea purpurea*

P17, Q1: 2004
P17, Q2: Evening Primrose
P17, Q3: Red and Orange
P17, Q4: Little Bears



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