



SCAVENGER HUNT



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MCT Trails Launches Trail-Wide Scavenger Hunt

The Free App-Based Scavenger Hunt Begins Today

GRANITE CITY, IL., April 17, 2020... With warmer weather approaching and social distancing orders remaining in effect, there has never been a better time to get outside for fresh air and exercise. To provide a safe outdoor recreation option, Madison County Transit (MCT) is launching a free, interactive, app-based scavenger hunt for use on the more than 135 miles of scenic Madison County bikeways in the MCT Trails system. The MCT Trails Scavenger Hunt goes live today and offers individuals and families throughout Madison County a series of fun challenges, suitable for MCT Trailgoers of all ages. In compliance with executive orders, MCT Trails users must stay more than six

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feet apart when participating in this scavenger hunt or simply visiting the trails for recreation or exercise. Scavenger hunt missions include creative tasks, challenges and questions, some of which involve finding a specific location or snapping a selfie.

To participate in the MCT Trails Scavenger Hunt, participants simply download the free application, “GooseChase” on their mobile device. Once downloaded, they should search

for “MCT Trails Scavenger Hunt” and join the game as a guest or create a free account to play and earn points. GooseChase then provides a list of available missions created by MCT, which can be completed at any time. For each successful mission completed participants are awarded points. For competitive participants, there is a leaderboard which displays a running points total. But, there’s no prize for the winner, just bragging rights. The overall goal of this scavenger hunt is to get outside, and safely explore the MCT Trails.

“With more than 135 miles of bikeways, the MCT Trails provide a great way for residents to physically distance while staying safe and active.” said MCT Communications Director Amanda Schomaker.

The MCT Trails Scavenger Hunt launches today and will run through the end of May. (May is also National Bike Month.) New missions will also become available throughout the duration of the game, offering new challenges and activities each week. For more information about the MCT Trails, visit www.mcttrails.org, call (618) 797-INFO (4636), e-mail trails@mct.org, or find MCT Trails on Facebook and Instagram.

The MCT Trails Scavenger Hunts engaged all ages of students and trailgoers alike and encouraged them to get out on the trails while putting their knowledge to the test. We also sought to teach participants more about the MCT Trails and how they conveniently connect to the MCT fixed-route buses, all of which are equipped with bike racks to provide accessible connections between the MCT bikeway and bus systems.



Photo Missions!



Take a photo or video of yourself and/or trail mates jumping on the MCT Trails!



Find a deer on the trails and snap a picture.



Submit a photo of yourself wearing a Halloween costume on the Trails.



Post a picture of using a scooter on the Trails.



Submit a photo or video of yourself solving a math problem on the trails!



Take a stunning MCT Trail photo- NO FILTERS!



Submit a scenic, fall trails photo where you can clearly see the trails and changing trees.



Submit a photo of something that begins with an "I" on the Trails, or a Trail sign that contains an "I." Be sure to include a caption! Participant caption: *Inspiration*

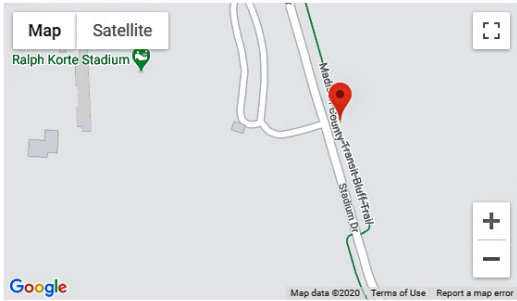


Take a picture posing next to the Madison/St. Clair County Line sign along the MCT Goshen Trail.

GPS Missions!



JanelFreeman completed The Bluff Trail Log Cabin for 400 points.
Jul. 28 at 7:12pm



Like

Check in near the log cabin off of the Bluff Trail.



tlwags71 completed Cahokia Creek Bridge for 400 points.
Jul. 28 at 7:09am



Like

Check in at the Cahokia Creek Bridge!



bethmarville completed Outskirts of Town for 500 points.
Jul. 29 at 9:47am



Like

Check in at the bridge that holds the title of the northern most bridge on the MCT Trails system. It's on the outskirts of Alhambra.



tlwags71 completed Jerry F. Costello National Great Rivers Research Center for 400 points.
Jul. 26 at 12:45pm

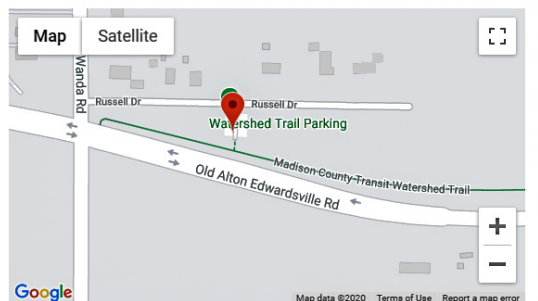


Like

Visit the Jerry F. Costello National Great Rivers Research and Education Center along the Confluence Trail.



MarcellaStarck completed Wanda Rd Parking Lot for 200 points.
Oct. 26 at 4:12pm



Like

Visit the Goshen Trailhead parking lot at Wanda Road in Roxana, IL.

Facts and Trivia Missions!

To Loop, or Not to Loop
Name one of the 5 MCT Trails that do NOT make up any of the 7 Trail Loops.

dmarcher777 completed To Loop, or Not to Loop for 400 points.
Oct. 28 at 10:40am

"Bluff trail"

Drivers Ed: Cycling Edition
What is the speed limit on the MCT Trails?

Lilly & Peyton completed Drivers Ed: Cycling Edition for 200 points.
Oct. 6 at 5:41pm

Speed Limit

"15 MPH"

Visit a Kiosk #1
What is one of the four Trail Surface Types found on the MCT Trail System.

michmvp completed Visit a Kiosk #1 for 300 points.
Oct. 1 at 11:01am

"Asphalt"

History 101: MCT Trails
Nearly 30 years ago, MCT began building the MCT Trail system. What was the original use of these corridors? HINT: Click the link for a brief history on the MCT Trails

medwards628 completed History 101: MCT Trails for 1000 points.
Sep. 25 at 9:01am

"Railroad"

When it all started
What year did MCT start acquiring land to construct the MCT Trails?

kelstel completed When it all started for 800 points.
Oct. 23 at 12:32pm

"1993"

Trail Issues
With over 130 miles of trails, we can't monitor every spot at once. We need your help! Tree down on a trail? Graffiti in a tunnel? Just want to express how much you love the Trails? Tell us! What is the email you would send those kind of reports to? *hint: it's on our kiosk maps and website*

nancymigs completed Trail Issues for 400 points.
Sep. 18 at 12:18pm

"Trails@mct.org"

Participant Feedback

“I mention the hunt regularly on my Zoom calls with my middle schoolers and have convinced a few to get away from their devices and explore the world around them.”

“I have completed almost every mission, and have loved branching out from just my regular one or two trails. The hunt has taken us all over and because of that, we have gotten fresh air, vitamin D, lots of exercise and a new appreciation for places I did not even know existed. More than any of those though, it has allowed me to share the most amazing one on one time with my sons.”

“My daughters participated in and won a prize in the elementary school scavenger hunt...They had a lot of fun! Thanks for putting it on!”

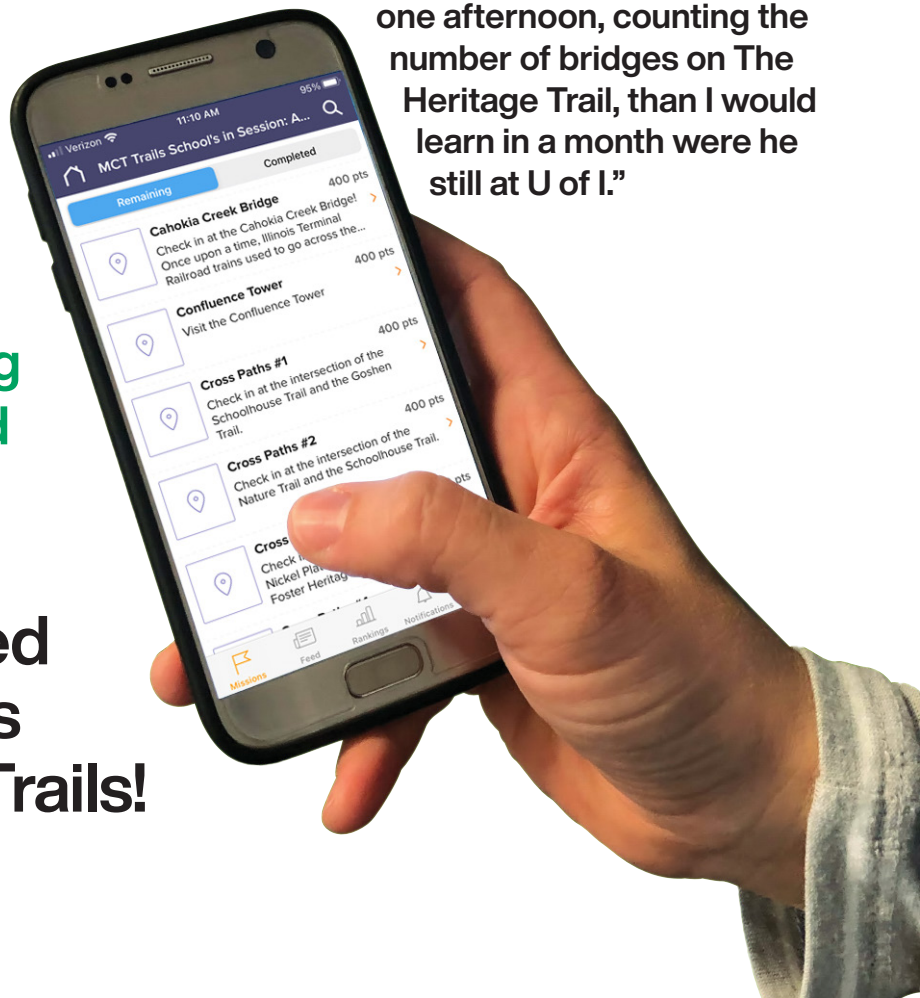
“Thank you for providing so much fun!”

“Since the stay at home order, I have walked [the MCT Trails] even more, but when the scavenger hunt came out, that was a game changer.”

“I learned more listening to my 19 year old college freshman talk (sans distractions) in one afternoon, counting the number of bridges on The Heritage Trail, than I would learn in a month were he still at U of I.”

“Thanks so much for giving us a reason to get out and explore!”

“ I really, really enjoyed the scavenger hunts put on by the MCT Trails! I love our trails!! ❤️ ”



“We’re enjoying our trails and new missions 😁👍.”

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It's a beautiful day for new missions!

You can still join the MCT Trails Scavenger Hunt. Visit <http://www.mcttrails.org/calendar.aspx> to learn how you can join the fun.

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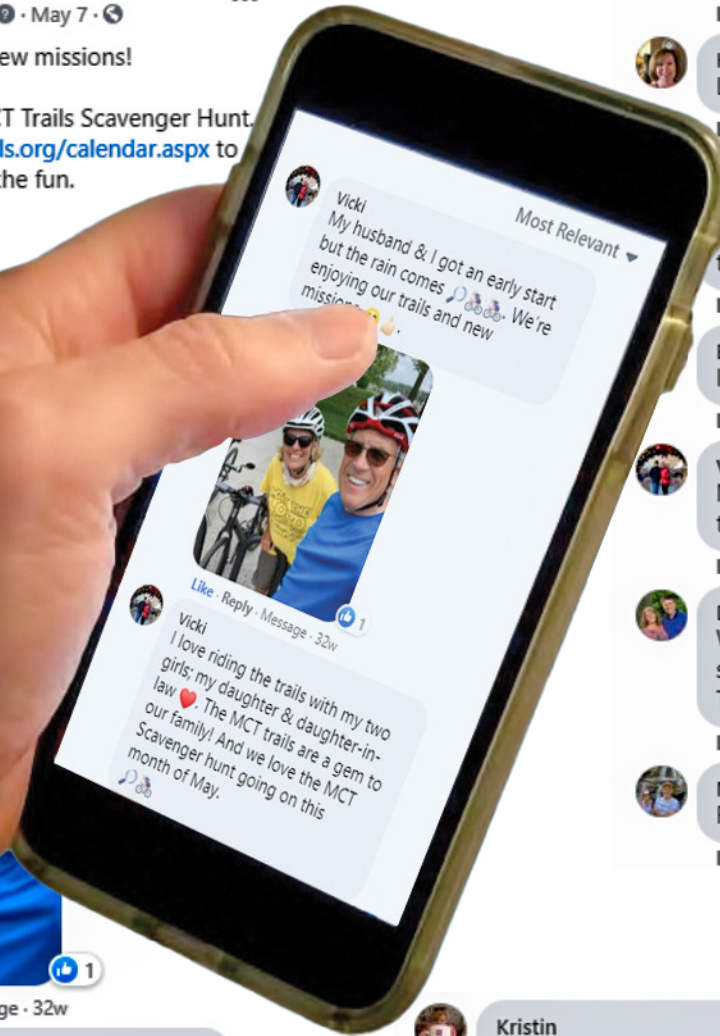
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Kristin
I wish you would keep it going longer! It is so much fun and it's getting me out to explore parts of the trails I have never been to.

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Kelly
Love the scavenger hunt!

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Marrie
I hope you continue to do this. My daughter and I are having a great time!

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Elisa
Is love to see it continue!

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Vicki
Me & my girlfriends are loving this too. We're having a ball!!

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Denise
We loved it!!!! What are we supposed to do when it's over? Thank you!

Like · Reply · Message · 30w

Mary
Really enjoying this! 🚴🏻😊

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Kristin
I really wish you would extend this scavenger hunt! I am having such a great time completing the missions and exploring areas I have not been to before, but I definitely need more time.

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