



Medallion Hunt

The code used on the site clues this year was the Standard Caesarian Shift cipher encoder (also known as a rot-N encoder) with N as 6 (for the 6 clues released each week).

Week #1 CLUE: Soon school will be out with the sun shining bright,
Let's make it a point to start our game out right.
These long summer days are perfect for a splash,
A competitive game or a 100-meter dash
When the crack of a bat echoes across the field,
I wonder what your next found clue will yield.



HINT: There is a hint toward this park noting its location near a school (Prairie Point Elementary), the word "point" referencing both the park and the school, and things that can be enjoyed here which include games (soccer, flag football, schoolyard games), a "splash" at the Splash Pad, room to run a race and baseball or softball to be played at the ball fields.

LOCATION: Prairie Point Community Park

DECODED: As you unravel each clue in your weekly pursuit

Week #2 CLUE: If you're looking for someplace to spend the day,
To picnic, hike, fish or play,
Or witness wildlife and have room to roam,
This location will surely hit home!
Summer brings a game with English roots
But for winter games, wear your boots!
Here you'll find opportunities for fun abound
Within the Oswegoland Park District it will surely be found!

HINT: There are hints to this location referencing the many things that can be enjoyed such as, picnicking, hiking, fishing, playing soccer, football, volleyball, basketball – with a special nod to the English game of Cricket. Although the location is in Plainfield, it is noted the location is within the Oswegoland Park District boundaries.

LOCATION: Community Park at Grande Park

DECODED: Put on your thinking cap and a warm coat and boot

Week #3

- CLUE: Stop by for a story that won't be too scary
Or follow the path as it winds through the prairie,
Past the blossoms and woods so dark and deep,
Over the hill, across the babbling creek.
If on this path your steps remain true,
It is here that you'll find your hidden clue.
- HINT: Highlighted in this clue is its path that winds around Chesterfield Lake through a shady wooded area and opening onto native prairie grass. The location also boasts a hill and was a scheduled destination for one of the Stories in the Park programs this summer – fun stories for youth!
- LOCATION: Chesterfield Park
- DECODED: Fondly recall the wind, ice and snow

Week #4

- CLUE: To find your next clue, scale the silver rings.
I think you're up for the challenge that brings.
Throw your arms wide and pretend you can fly
Tip your head back and look toward the sky
With the rising sun greeting your face
Look left for direction to continue this race.
- HINT: The silver rings found on the playground here and the reference to the direction of "NORTH" described in "with the rising sun greeting your face, look left for direction..." are clues to this destination.
- LOCATION: Northampton Park
- DECODED: And all the places for wintry fun you may go

Week #5

- CLUE: Enjoy the outdoors for any old reason
Here you'll find something whatever the season.
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All ages, abilities - come one, come all!
Build a castle, score a goal or picnic today
There's really no excuse to keep you from play.
Stop and ponder this quote about fun
"...you never get any fun out of the things you haven't done"
- HINT: Amenities abound at this location with opportunities for all ages and abilities throughout the year. The quote "...you never get any fun out of the things you haven't done" references the poet Ogden Nash – a clue to the first word in the name of this park.
- LOCATION: Ogden Falls Park
- DECODED: Put all of these warm toasty thoughts in your head

Week #6

CLUE: Once a location on the open frontier
Oft called home by many a pioneer
Now houses fun and school throughout the year
So when you visit, grab your gear!
Plan ahead for winter with lots to do here,
Building snow forts and sledding in icy good cheer
Think you are close? Yes you are – tis quite near,
Your final stop is awaiting, go forth, never fear!

HINT: For those listening closely, every final word in each line ends in the sound “eer” to rhyme with “Deer” in Deerbrook Park. References to a school (The Wheatlands), its history of being open land on the frontier, open space and a place for winter sledding are noted within this clue.

LOCATION: Deerbrook Park

DECODED: And you’ll be right to the point where you may bring skates or sled

Medallion’s Location Prairie Point Community Park

Decoding the Caesarian Shift cipher at each location, putting the lines together creates the poem in its entirety:

As you unravel each clue in your weekly pursuit
Put on your thinking cap and a warm coat and boot
Fondly recall the wind, ice and snow
And all the places for wintry fun you may go
Put all of these warm toasty thoughts in your head
And you’ll be right to the point where you may bring skates or sled