



Hide and Seek

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You and your friends are trying to have a fun day in Seattle. You have a packed agenda. Unfortunately, one of your friends' mother really hates you. In fact, if she sees you with your friends, she will force your friend to go home immediately and your day of fun will be ruined. Even more unfortunate for you, she will also be in Seattle that day, as she is taking her younger daughter with her for a day out in Seattle. Your goal is to do as many things on your agenda ("tasks") as possible without being spotted by her.

Requirements

- ORCA card with either a pass or at least \$6 loaded on it
 - Microsoft and Amazon ORCA cards suffice for this requirement
- A smartphone
 - One team member must have an iPhone with Find My Friends enabled
- Joined the Signal group
- \$0.50 participation fee. In return, you will be given a bandana to be used throughout the game (and to keep as a souvenir!)



Basics

- Each task is worth a certain number of points, specified below
- Most tasks are relatively close to public transit stations
- If your team is caught by your friend's mom, your team will be frozen for 10 minutes and you lose 5 points
 - If another team snitched on you and gave info leading to your capture, you lose an additional 1 point while they receive a 1 point bonus bounty
- 3 to 4 people per team
- 4 hours long competition period



Rules

Basic gameplay logistics

- The objective of the game is to earn as many points as possible without being caught.
- Every player (that's you!; also known as a Transit Trekker) must have a fully charged mobile phone with Signal installed.
 - Signal will be used to communicate between participants and the organizers.
- At least one player in the team must have an iPhone with Find My Friends.
- Every player must be wearing a bandana provided by the organizers.
- There may be more than one mom.
- Moms(s) will share her location with one member from each team (whoever has an iPhone).
- You will not be required to share your exact location. The team must truthfully and accurately provide their location to the organizers if prompted for, as soon as possible. No response within 2 minutes will count as a points penalty. (This is for game balance reasons.)
- You will not know what mom's schedule is, but expect her to visit many of the same places you'll be going to.
- Mom will NOT know where you are. However, for the sake of the game being fun, the organizers of the trek (who aren't mom) reserve the right to periodically "inspire" mom to change their itinerary in order to spice up the game. Also, other teams can snitch on you and tell mom where to look for you!
- You will be considered "caught" by mom if she sees you and tells you to stop. An alternative to saying stop is if she says, "hey, you! What are you doing with my child?!"
 - You can't run away from mom if she catches you visually.
- If caught by mom, you will be frozen for 10 minutes and you lose 5 points.
 - If another team snitched on you to mom, which led to your capture, you lose an additional 1 point and that team gets a 1 point bonus as their bounty.
- Players must travel by foot or public transit operated by the City of Seattle, the Seattle Monorail, King County Metro, or branded as Sound Transit.
 - Absolutely no traveling on cars, trucks, boats, planes, bikes, scooters, or Segways.
- Mom may travel by any mode of transportation, whether it is a public or private mode.
- Players and moms must stay within the bounds of the game.



- Because it is not fair to exit the bounds of the game to hide from mom, teams will have 1 point deducted for each violation detected.
- **Players may not intentionally hide in publicly inaccessible areas to escape detection.** For instance, if you live within the game area, you may not hide your team in your apartment/house. You also may not hide in a bathroom to evade capture unless you are taking a genuine bio break. You may not purchase access to a venue that requires paid ticketed admission.
 - Doing so without consent from the organizers will result in point penalties or disqualification from the game.
- Each team is strongly encouraged to take a 10 minute food/bio break sometime between the beginning of the 2nd hour and end of the 3rd hour. You are encouraged to do so only when you are safely far away from mom(s).
- In case a bio break takes longer than 10 minutes, please inform the organizers so they can keep track of your team's situation. Health and safety always come first, but it's important for the organizers to keep track of exceptional circumstances affecting gameplay.

Definition and logistics of a freeze:

- The freeze does not literally mean the team members cannot move around - it just means they cannot work towards completing any tasks or stray more than 25 ft away from the freeze spot.
- If they are on public transit when the freeze starts, they must continue to their intended stop and then freeze for 5 minutes, during which period they may not transfer to another bus/train.
- If the team has to freeze in the middle of a task, they must pause doing the task.
- Frozen team members may continue to strategize for the game.

Completing challenge tasks

- The list of tasks are in the last portion of this document.
- There are three types of challenges that will earn you points:
 - **Take selfies.** Visit a location and take a selfie there.
 - **Experiences.** Go to a specified location and follow the instructions provided.
 - **Distractions and diversions.** Much like the D&Ds in RuneScape, these are side quests and can be done at any point in the game.
- Team members must stay together (within 10 feet of each other) at all times.
- To officially complete a task, they must be reported to the organizers via Signal as soon as they are completed (for verification and tabulation purposes).



- If a task requires you to complete multiple stages/steps, don't report it to the organizers until all stages/steps of that task are complete.
- However, if you complete a task in its entirety, you must report it immediately. If you don't report it within 5 minutes of completing it, you won't be eligible for earning points on that task.
- If the organizers inform the team that their task was not successfully completed, the organizers will not inform the team of what they did incorrectly, and the team may try to repeat the task at most two more times. After that, they cannot continue attempting to complete the task and must try another task.
- Tasks may be completed simultaneously with other tasks.
- If a task requires a certain item, it must be purchased after the game starts. Items you have with you won't count unless explicitly permitted by the task.
- If a task requires pictures as proof (which almost all of them do), all team members must be in the picture (as a selfie) unless explicitly not required. When in doubt, ask the organizers.
- If a task says you can't look something up, it means you also can't ask a non-participating person to look it up for you or tell you the answer.
- If you are not sure about what counts for a task, ask the organizers. Failure to ask may result in you not earning the points if your actions don't qualify as properly completing the task.
- If a task requires each team member to procure something, then teams which have more members than other teams only need to get the number of items equivalent to the smallest team's size. For instance, if the smallest team size is 4, then teams of 5 will only need to get 4 items.
- When completing tasks, please do not do anything that might lead to danger.
Safety first. If you are concerned that you or other teams completing a task may result in harm, please contact the organizers immediately. They may issue a notice to everyone that a certain task is removed from the game due to safety concerns.
- **Be sure, when communicating with organizers, that you tell them what you are sending evidence for.**

Interacting with other teams

- If you see another team, you can anonymously report this to the organizers, who will relay this information to mom. Keep in mind, mom loves hearing from snitches and will want to keep tabs to make sure their child isn't spending any time with you. More information about this in the "Foins" section.



- Teams may not have any intentional contact with each other during the game, unless they see each other in person, or as otherwise specified in the rules.

Concluding the game

- Teams must arrive at the pit stop by the designated end time of the game, as determined by the organizers. If they do not arrive at the pit stop on time, a points penalty will be assessed based on the following rules:
 - Being late will result in a deduction of 5 points
 - For every minute a team is late, an additional 1 point will be deducted from their overall score
- At the end of the game, teams will be ranked by how many points they earned.
- All times are reported in U.S. Pacific Daylight Time.
- Clarifications are issued by the organizers and are final. When appropriate, the clarifications will be announced to all teams, not just yours.
- Tiebreaking rules
 - The amount of rules broken will be the first to break ties, with fewer rule violations giving higher priority
 - The number of times a team was caught by mom will next be used to tiebreak
 - If the teams each were caught the same number of times, the number of times they were reported by other teams will be taken into account
 - All else failing, then it's a fight to the death with rock paper scissors, best out of 3.

Miscellaneous

- Rules can be changed by the organizers at any time before, during, and after the competition period. Whatever the organizers say can override any of the written rules. Rule changes will be clearly broadcasted on the Signal group.



Game zone and game boundaries

Official game boundaries (authoritative and binding): [Seattle Transit Trek #2](#)

Starting point

Show up to the Amazon Spheres **by 1:30pm**. Parking is available in either the Day One or Doppler garages, free of charge. The rules will be explained and participants will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions to the organizers before the game starts. You will also have the chance to meet your team and discuss basic strategy. The game will begin when everyone is present and the organizers announce the start. Take your time or hurry up. The choice is yours; **don't be late!**

One member of your team should be designated as the primary representative, who will be responsible for communicating with the organizers.

Ending point

The ending point will be a shop in Pike Place Market, to be announced on Signal one hour before the end of the game. The zone demarcating where the game could end is marked on the above map.

Starting procedures

1. Sign in with the organizers
2. Listen to the logistics overview
3. Pick a name for your team
4. Pick a representative for the team, who will be able to see the moms' locations
5. Get your bandana! (and pay for it if you haven't already)
6. Read the rules and ask questions to the organizers for clarification
7. Take a group picture!
8. Decide as a team what the strategy is and how to start

Live scoreboard

You can keep track of the score here: <https://transittrek.org/>



Safety disclaimer

You (a Participant) and your safety are of paramount importance during your participation in the Seattle Transit Trek (the “Game”). You are strongly advised to avoid areas that may present imminent danger to you or your fellow Participants. In case a diversion needs to be made, you should report it to the Organizers and appropriate compensation in terms of points and/or time will be made for you, including but not limited to, bonus points, the waiver of a late return penalty, etc.

You may also not engage in any illegal activity to gain an unfair advantage in the Game. Doing so will result in penalties including/up to disqualification.

By participating in the Game, you agree that you are playing the Game at your own risk. You furthermore agree to hold the Organizers harmless and hold your fellow Participants harmless, even by the negligence of the Organizers or fellow Participants.

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The following pages should not be accessed until the game starts.

By continuing to read the following pages, you agree to the above safety disclaimer.



Challenge tasks

1. Take a selfie
2. Experiences
3. Distractions & Diversions
4. Foils

Take a selfie	Points
Amazon Spheres In this selfie, create the optical illusion that makes it look like one of your team members is holding one of the Amazon Spheres in their hands. Send the selfie to the organizers for credit.	1
First Starbucks Head down to Pike Place and snap a selfie in front of the first Starbucks.	1
Starbucks Reserve Roastery The whole team should take a selfie while the beans are being roasted by the machines. Send us organizers the selfie to receive credit. Keep in mind: the roasting doesn't always happen!	1
High on Potemuse Find a cannabis store licensed by the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board that is at least 200 feet above sea level. Take a selfie outside of it.	1
Salt & Straw Either the Capitol Hill or the Ballard Salt & Straw are permitted.	1
Space Needle It must be within 100 feet of the base of the tower. The revolving upper level of the tower should be visible, but the actual antenna itself need not be visible.	1
REI Flagship Store The team should take a selfie together with the waterfall as the backdrop.	1
Carroll's Clock It's simple; take a selfie as a group in front of it.	1



Experiences	Points
Starbucks Reserve Roastery Order a drink, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, at the Roastery. Take a photo of a team member sipping on it. The drink must be fully consumed before leaving the premises. Team members can split the drink.	2
Salt & Straw One team member should get a seasonal flavor. Also, among the team, try at least 3 different “weird” flavors. Tell us which flavors you tried and which one was the weirdest.	2
REI Try on some hiking backpacks or hiking shoes. Send pictures to the organizers of at least one team member trying them on. An REI staff member does not necessarily need to be helping you.	2
Seattle Monorail Take a video of a team member going through the monorail when going through the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP). Send it to the organizers.	2
Counting Dick’s Go to the Dick’s Drive-In in Capitol Hill and count how many people are in each line when you visit. Send the organizers a picture of the line and let us know how many people are in each line. Optionally, you can buy something from there and eat it.	2
Jimi Hendrix Statue Go to the statue and pick one member to kneel or squat (if you don’t want to get your knees dirty) in the same way the statue is. And then play the air guitar. Send a picture to prove you did it.	2
Pick(le) out pickleball players Find a pickleball court within the bounds of the game and take a picture of the court. There must be players on the court for this to count; Transit Trekkers cannot become a pickleball player to satisfy this requirement. Send us organizers a picture and let us know where you found them playing pickleball.	2
P2P (Pier-to-Pier) Go to at least three piers along the Puget Sound waterfront (within the game area), take a selfie at all three of them, and report back to us what your favorite aspects of them are.	6
Seattle Public Library (Central Library) Go inside the Central Library and find three books that catch your fancy. They must each be from different sections of the library and their Dewey decimal	2



numbers must be different by at least 100 from each other. Send their names, their Dewey decimal numbers, and their ISBNs to the organizers.	
Add to the Gum Wall Buy a pack of chewing gum from somewhere. Each team member should take a stick of gum and chew it for at least 3 minutes (or longer, if you want to be minty). Then, stick it on the Gum Wall. The gum must be newly purchased after the game starts; you can't use any gum that you already happened to have with you. Send us organizers a video of each team member sticking their gum onto the wall.	2
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Go to this place for at least 5 minutes and tell us organizers 3 things you learned while here. Also, take a selfie here and send it to us for proof. Warning: Closes at 5pm.	2
Pike Place Price Prowler Find one item in Pike Place that costs exactly between \$13.95 and \$14.05 before tax as of the moment before you step into the store. You cannot add multiple items together to arrive at this price. Send a picture of it to us organizers (with the price tag visible). You do not have to buy the item. You cannot bargain with the store or ask them to change the price/set it arbitrarily.	2
Pike Place Prime Pescetarian Prowler Find three food establishments in Pike Place that serve a fish dish costing over \$50. Send us organizers a selfie of your team in front of each of them, as well as proof of its fish dish menu item that is over \$50. The food establishments must be at least 100 feet apart from each other.	4
McGraw Statue Find this statue and figure out John McGraw's middle name. (You need to do this in person—no searching for it.) Then, take a selfie in front of this statue and send us organizers (1) the selfie and (2) his middle name.	1
Sea Mar Fiestas Patrias Go to this festival and tell us organizers the three favorite things about this festival, as well as your three favorite food items served by them. Don't forget to take a selfie for proof! http://seattlefiestaspatrias.org/	2
Xclusiv Bar Hopping It might be a bit early to go to the bar, but find three bars or clubs in Capitol Hill that do not contain the letter "e" in their names. Then, go to them and take selfies in front of them. (Don't actually go inside.)	3



Distractions & Diversions	Points
Boba Aficionado Visit three distinct boba stores and send the organizers your thoughts on each shop's most distinctive boba type (in your subjective opinion). Only send it once you have visited all three. Be sure to send selfies at each of the three shops. Optional: Get some for yourself, but careful, mom might find you while you are getting boba.	1
Degenerates vs. health gurus Pick <u>only one</u> of the following (you won't get credit for completing both): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get drunk. Find a bar or café and have only one team member down at least 3 shots of your favorite liquor. Tell us what liquor you downed and what bar/café you did this at. Send us organizers a video of the drunk team member. 2. Get an interesting vegan option. This must not be a salad or anything that would be obviously vegan by its very nature. It must be something the average person would be surprised that it's vegan. If you're not sure if an option is "interesting" or not, message the organizers. Eat it and tell the organizers what it was and what you thought of it. 	1
Doggos Take a picture of at least 4 living dogs in the flesh in the same picture. Send it to the organizers and tell them where you found them.	1
We Can Work It Out Find publicly available workout equipment made available by the City of Seattle's Parks and Recreation department. Send a video of a team member working out for at least 15 seconds on it.	1
Purple Sidewalks Find <u>three</u> "purple sidewalks" in the ground. They are waffle shaped and were used as skylights (to let light into the underground city of Seattle) in the 19th century. The glass turned purple because they contained manganese. Send a selfie with them and tell us the location (Google Maps link is fine) of each selfie. They must be at least 1,000 feet apart from each other.	2
I Sea A Plane! If you spot a seaplane, take a selfie with it! All team members must be in the selfie. The seaplane must be discernible to the naked eye (zooming in is fine). Regular planes don't count.	1
Song references Find at least three song references in the names of the challenge tasks and send your list to the organizers. If your guesses are correct, you get the point.	1



Foins	Points
<p>Rumor Has It</p> <p>If you spot another team, you can send a rumor to the main Signal chat (yes, to everyone) about what location they are at. If mom decides to follow up on it and finds them based on your tip, your team receives a bounty of 1 point and their team gets an additional 1 point penalty. We want blood!</p> <p>(Note: sending intentionally false rumors may result in severe point penalties issued by the organizers.)</p>	<p>+1 for your team Additional -1 for their team</p>