

Explore Acton Scavenger Hunt

Our scavenger hunts are short walking tours of the landmarks and public art of downtown Georgetown and Acton. Scavenger hunts are a great way to be active, learn about your community, and have fun!

Complete this scavenger hunt, discover the hidden phrase, and submit your answer for a chance to win a prize. See **Rules** below.

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RULES:

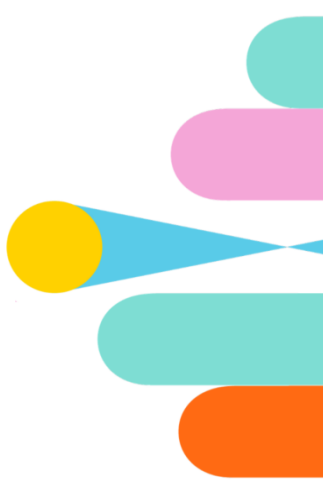
1. Send your hidden phrase to culture@haltonhills.ca with the subject line SCAVENGER HUNT ACTON.
2. All clues can be seen from the sidewalk; please do not trespass on private property.
3. The deadline to submit for a chance to win a prize is October 25th, 2020; a winner will be selected for both the Acton and the Georgetown Scavenger Hunts.

Time: 30-45 minutes depending on walking speed

Distance: 2.5 km

Difficulty: Easy; all sidewalks

Steps	Directions	Location	Clue
1	Begin at the Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library. While the Acton Branch can be accessed by either School Lane or River Street, its address is 17 River Street. Go to the north side of the building, which is the flat side, not the curved side – it faces the parking lot.	Halton Hills Public Library - Acton Branch There has been a library in Acton since 1883. This beautiful facility was completed in 2011.	Look for the yellow bike station. The first large word on the station is green and the second is blue. Put the last letter of the blue word in box 1.

2	<p>Follow the path around the terraced lawn, which is the lawn with large, stone blocks.</p> <p>Cross the bridge over the little river, known as both Black Creek and School Creek, and turn left on River Street. You should be able to see a smokestack in the distance.</p> <p>Cross Willow Street North and turn right.</p> <p>Stop at the T intersection of Willow Street North and St. Alban's Drive. On your right you will see St. Alban's Anglican Church, established in 1870. On your left, at 39 Willow Street North, is the former Knox Manse.</p>	<p>Former Knox Manse</p> <p>The Former Knox Manse was the home of the ministers of Knox Presbyterian Church until 1987. It is now a private home; please do not trespass.</p>	<p>Look at the address plaque. What is the first number of the year that Knox Manse was established?</p> <p>Count out the alphabet until you get to that number. Put that letter in box 3.</p> 
3	<p>Continue along Willow Street North until you get to Bower Street. Cross Bower Street and stop on the opposite corner, which is home to Acton Town Hall.</p>	<p>Acton Town Hall</p> <p>Acton Town Hall was built in 1883. The upper level was used for meetings, dances, plays, and concerts. The lower level has served as a police station, council chambers and library.</p>	<p>Look at the five directional signs on the corner. What colour are they? Put the last letter of the colour in box 5.</p> <p>Hint: it's the colour you get when you combine red and blue!</p>
4	<p>Follow the directional sign that is pointing towards Acton High School. The path will take you along Bower Street.</p> <p>Stop after you've crossed John Street. Look across the street.</p>	<p>Canada Post Office</p> <p>This is the former site of the Storey Glove Factory which will be important later in the tour. This post office opened in 1963.</p>	<p>There are five words on the front of the building in large, grey or silver letters. The first word is "Acton" and the third is "Building". Write the fifth letter of the second word in box 7.</p>
5	<p>Continue on Bower Street. Cross Elgin Street and Frederick Streets. Stop at the next street, which has six letters in its name.</p>	<p>Six Letter Street</p>	<p>Put the first letter of the Six Letter Street in box 9.</p>

6	<p>Turn right and follow the Six Letter Street until you get to Mill Street.</p> <p>Turn left on Mill Street, cross at the signals near Fellow Street, continue along Mill Street briefly, and then turn right on Eastern Avenue. The large brick building which was the Beardmore Tannery is easily visible.</p>	<p>Beardmore Tannery / Former Baptist Church</p> <p>Perhaps the most well-known building in Acton is the old Beardmore Tannery, now The Olde Hide House, which coined the famous slogan: "It's worth the drive to Acton." Built in 1899, Beardmore Tannery produced leather goods and was the largest tannery in the British Empire at the time.</p>	<p>Stop here and take a picture in front of the old Beardmore Tannery. If you share it on social media tag #HHCultureDays</p>
7	<p>Continue on Eastern Avenue until you reach Church Street East. Turn right on Church Street East.</p> <p>Continue on Church Street East until you reach Elgin Street.</p> <p>Turn right on Elgin Street and continue until you reach Mill Street. Turn right on Mill Street, take a few steps, and then stop. Look at the red brick building on your right.</p>	<p>Former Baptist Church</p>	<p>Look for a brass plaque on the side of the red brick building on the corner of Elgin and Mill. The letter that goes in box 6 is in the second word, appears twice, and does not appear in the name "Henry."</p>
8	<p>Reverse direction on Mill Street East, heading west. Cross Elgin Street. Continue a few steps and stop when you get to a three-column cenotaph.</p>	<p>Cenotaph</p> <p>This cenotaph commemorates the Acton citizens who died in military service during times of war.</p>	<p>Just above the base of the tallest column is the name of a country which experienced war between the years 1950 and 1953. Put the second letter of the country in spot 8.</p>
9	<p>Continue on Mill Street East, crossing John Street. Stop at 42 Mill Street East, a large, rectangular building with multi-colour bricks.</p>	<p>Former YMCA</p> <p>When this building was completed in 1935, Acton became the smallest town in Canada with its own YMCA. This building has also served as Acton's Town Offices, library, police headquarters and even a gym. It is now apartments.</p>	<p>There is an engraving at the bottom left corner of the building's face. Once again, there are two words and a year. The letter that goes in box 4 appears twice in the first word, and once in the second.</p>

10	<p>Continue along Mill Street East until you get to 6 Mill Street East. Behind the building's modern facade you can see that it is a quonset hut, a rounded structure used during wartime.</p> <p>Continue to the lights. Turn right and follow Main Street, heading north, crossing Mill Street. On the opposite side of Mill Street you will find the Acton Heritage Mural.</p>	<p>6 Mill Street / Acton Heritage Mural</p> <p>Art by Michelle Loughery</p> <p>The quonset hut at 6 Mill Street has served as an army surplus store, movie theatre, and dance hall. It even hosted performances by Canadian rock bands such as Rush. It is now home to the Crossing Community Church.</p> <p>The mural at 1 Mill St East depicts Acton's history as Leathertown, including the W.H.Storey Glove _ _ _ _ _ and Beardmore Tannery.</p>	<p>Look at the information plaque near the mural. Put the third letter of the mystery word in box 2.</p> <p>Congratulations! You have found the mystery phrase!</p> <p>Continue along Main Street North to return to your starting location at the Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library.</p> <p>On the far side of the intersection of Main Street North and River Street, you can finish your tour by reading the historical plaque located there.</p>

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