

MIDDLETOWN SCAVENGER HUNT FOR FAMILIES

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Middletown Nature Gardens

- Find the biggest tree in the preserve. Can you tell what kind of tree it is?
- Count the number of individual birds you see.
- What street is Middletown's Nature Garden on?

Multi-Purpose Trail

- How do you think the Native Americans used the Mattabesset River?
- What do you see along this trail that made you happy?

Crystal Lake

- Find something that is your favorite color.
- What can you learn or what new thing do you see while you are here?
- What is the name of the park, where you can swim at Crystal Lake???

Wadsworth Falls

- Find one of the two waterfalls in the park. Do you think there is ever more water than now? Less water than now? What would change the water flow?
- Find a tree that you like and, if it's OK with the tree, hug it!

Pat Kidney Field

- As you walk along the trail around Pat kidney field, notice all the newly planted trees and shrubs. They are all native to Connecticut. Can you find the red osier dogwood? Hint: you can tell it by its bark! That is both an old joke, but in this case it's true – the bark is red and it's a small shrub on the south side of the park.

Guida Farms

- Find the small pond. You can look at the trail map in the parking area to give you a hint. Did you see any animals in this pond?
- Can you find a bat house?
- Guida Farm Nature Trail is a ____ mile (you can round up) loop trail that offers the chance to see wildlife and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking and running. How many miles was it?
- There is a beautiful sign at the entrance to the Conversation area.
- What animals are on the sign and how many?

Higby Mountain

- From the top of the ridge, can you see Long Island sound?
- Can you find the police academy at the bottom of the slope?

Long Hill Estate

- Do you smell something that you like? What is it?
- What is the most interesting thing you learned from the interpretive signs along the trail?
- How many windows are there on the front façade of Wadsworth Mansion?
- What did you see on the drive back down the driveway from the mansion?

Butternut Hollow

- Butternut Hollow is located at 66 Thomas Street. There is a large play scape with a long blue tube to slide down. How many colored rings are around this tube?
- Were there any ducks in the pond today?
- What month does Middletown usually hold the Annual Fishing Derby?

Veterans Memorial Park

- Where is Middletown's Skating Rink located in the park?
- What are hero trees and how many did you see?
- Do you know why we have the Greater Middletown Military Museum?
- Where can you see a helicopter that looks like it is flying?

Smith Park

- Smith Park is about 50 acres of land. What did you see there?

Pat Kidney

- Can you tell us at least five things that you found at the Sports Complex on Farm Hill Road?
- Who are on the momentary signs at Pat Kidney Basketball courts?
- How many basketball courts are there at Pat Kidney Courts?
- What street are the tennis courts located on? (Hint: there are more across town)

Palmer Field

- What is the museum next to where Coleman's Carnival sets up each spring?
- What is the name of the press box there?
- What is the name of that street where you find them both?

Downtown

- What colors are in the Marquee of Oddfellows Playhouse?
- What does Amato's Toy and Hobby have set up on their bottom floor?
- In front of what Middletown organization is the Rainbow that you can climb on?
- What colors are the KID CITY building?
- What color are the words KID CITY?
- Do you know another name for the Portland Bridge?

YMCA

- How many "Y" s do you see outside the YMCA downtown?
- If you are at the YMCA, what is the name of the city's park on the corner?

Some fun questions about Middletown

- Can you list all the schools in Middletown (not preschools)?
- Can you send Rec a picture of the Van Vleck Observatory at Wesleyan?
- If you could play an outside game of soccer, where would you play?
- Do you know where Middletown hosts The Annual Penguin Plunge to benefit Special Olympics?
- Can you send Rec a picture of the Connecticut River?
- Can you send Rec 5 pictures of those beautiful kindness hearts for our essential workers and healthcare workers?
- What random act of kindness did you do today?
- Can you send Rec a picture of you and your family playing a game outside?
- How many signs with the “Middletown” on it, can you find around town?
- How old is the town of Middletown?
- Can you take a picture of one of your favorite things in Middletown?
- Can you find an American and a Connecticut Flag? Where did you find it??
- Can you send Rec a picture of a beautiful sunrise or a sunset?
- Can you draw a message on your driveway or sidewalk for someone and send us a picture?
- Do you have a hula hoop? Can you do it for at least a minute? How long did you do you think you did it?
- Can you take a picture of some new spring flowers and send it to us?
- Set a timer to see how far you can walk in five minutes, 10, 20, or 30. Let us know how far you walked and for how many minutes.
- There is a large banner on Main Street near Amato’s Toy Store. What is on that banner?