

2019 Nevada Day Treasure Hunt Clues & Explanations

Clue #1

Four distinct spaces
Within the division
Examine each one
Looking for your vision

The Northridge subdivision of Carson City has four distinct parks or recreation areas. They are as follows: The Fulstone Family Park, the Fulstone Wetlands, the Spooner/Oxbow Park, and the Steinheimer Park. This year the medallion is hidden in the Fulstone Wetlands.

Clue #2

Originally vulnerable
The Feds on a mission
Now they're defended
As perceptions transition

Originally, the Federal Government indirectly and directly encouraged the destruction of wetlands through programs such as the Watershed Protection and Flood Preservation Act of 1954, public works projects, technical practices, and cost shared drainage programs. As a result, wetland losses averaged 550,000 acres per year from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s. Since the 1970's, public perception of the importance of wetlands has increased and laws such as the Emergency Wetland Resources Act of 1986 have curtailed wetland losses. This clue tells hunters to look at wetlands within the search area.

Clue #3

Copious and researched
Join the hunt
For this dweller
And come out in front

The Fulstone Wetlands is home to the red-winged blackbird, which is often cited as being the most abundant living land bird in North America as bird-counting censuses put the bird's numbers in the millions. Additionally, the bird ranks as one of the best-studied wild bird species in the world. This clue tells hunters to look in the Fulstone Wetlands.

Clue #4

While there may be three
Generally they're of no aid
Because they do not
Contain this year's crusade

Of the eight counties/municipalities where the medallion could be hidden, three are named after generals. Pershing County is named after Army General John J. Pershing. Churchill County is named after Brigadier General Sylvester Churchill. Lyon County is named after Union General

Nathaniel Lyon. This clue tells hunters that the medallion is not hidden in Pershing, Churchill, or Lyon counties this year.

Clue #5

The southeast is a match
For both your destination
And Edington so don't let
The impact crater your elation

Russell is the name of the lava flooded remains of the lunar impact crater, which is located to the southeast of a lunar crater named Edington. Russell is also the name of the street, which is located to the southeast of the Fulstone Wetlands. This clue points hunters to look to the northwest of Russell Way in Carson City.

Clue #6

East of Eden
His holdings were broad
After immigrating
The rail earned him applaud

This clue directs hunters to search in Carson City. Eden is a place where happiness and bliss can be found and many pioneers felt California was going to be their Eden. Carson City is east of California. Further, this clue references Henry Marvin Yerington who is buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City and whose home was located in Carson City. He was originally born in Canada and was rumored to have led 16 different companies at one time. He was most famous for his position as general superintendent and vice president of the Virginia Truckee Railroad and as a construction superintendent and president of the Carson and Colorado Railroad.

Clue #7

Link brick and ox
With hay and shoes
Plus medicine and education
From which you must choose

Within the search area there are numerous historical families with the last name Fulstone. Allegedly the first inhabitant of Carson City was Robert L. Fulstone who drove a team of ox and hauled bricks to build the old drugstore building. Henry Fulstone, Sr. established a shoe shop on King Street. His sons, Henry Jr. and Robert, acquired property in northwest Carson City near the Carson Hot Springs where they grew and stored around 18 tons of hay annually. Dr. Mary Hill Fulstone provided medical services to the people of Smith Valley and Yerington and was recognized as the longest-practicing physician in the state. Maud Fulstone was a teacher in the early 1900s living on Minnesota Street. Thus, this clue points hunters to areas linked to the Fulstone name such as the Fulstone Park named after Henry Fulstone, Sr. and his family, which borders the Fulstone Wetlands where the medallion is hidden.

Clue #8

Eleanor V.'s husband
Gets all the fame
Her career and maturity
Deserves the same

This clue points hunters to Carson City. Nellie Davis was a talented journalist, who inherited the Carson Daily Appeal newspaper from her late husband. She then hired Samuel Post Davis as editor and married him. He is very well known as he served as Nevada State Controller and released many poems and short stories. Nevertheless, Nellie was renowned in her own right as a reporter for the Appeal. When she reported on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons boxing match, an event attended by only a handful of other women, she wrote under the alias Eleanor V. She also lived to be 101.

Clue #9

For these dry kidneys
All should be grateful
They play a nurturing role
And now may be fateful

Wetlands are often referred to as the "kidneys" of a watershed because they are renowned for their ability to remove toxic substances, excess nutrients, and harmful pollutants from the water. However, wetlands may not be wet year-round, and some of the most important wetlands are seasonally dry transition zones. They serve as a lifeline to many of Nevada's diverse species and foster the health and wellbeing of our precious wetland resources. This clue directs hunters to look for the medallion in wetlands within the search area.

Clue #10

A lone prince sharing
A president's name
Claimed the number
Fifteen for his fame

This clue tells hunters the medallion is hidden in Carson City. Zachary Taylor Wilcox (sharing the name with the 12th U.S. President, Zachary Taylor) was the Crown Prince of the Whiskerinos and had the second longest beard in the world at 15' in 1922. He was often seen riding his bicycle around Carson with a friend's green parrot perched on the handlebars and his beard tucked inside his shirt or coat. He and his family are buried in Lone Mountain cemetery.

Clue #11

1000 wasn't enough
But don't be weary
Follow the eponym's lead
A new home is necessary

Abraham Curry had attempted to purchase land in Genoa for a \$1,000, but was told that it was not enough money. Thus, he went to Eagle Valley where he was able to purchase a trading post

and 865 acres. He joined John J. Musser, Franklin Proctor, and Benjamin F. Green in laying out a community, which Proctor named Carson City. They then named the main streets in the town they designed after themselves (making them eponyms). This clue also directs hunters to search for the medallion in Carson City.

Clue #12

Demanded by the populace
After it failed to surge
Operationally and financially
As just one did emerge

Ormsby County, Nevada was a county from 1861 until 1969 and contained Carson City. The county's population dwindled significantly after the gold rush and by the 1940s, it was little more than Carson City and a few surrounding hamlets to the west. Discussions began about merging the Carson City municipality with Ormsby County. However, the effort never got beyond the planning stages until 1966, when a statewide referendum formally approved the merger. The required constitutional amendment was passed in 1968. On April 1, 1969, Ormsby County and Carson City officially merged as the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City. This clue tells hunters to look in Carson City.

Clue #13

Riding on the stage
He earned his fame
Driving the Tribune editor
Becoming part of Twain's game

This clue tells hunters the medallion is hidden at the Fulstone wetlands in Carson City. At the southeastern corner of the wetlands on the freeway slope is a metal sculpture depicting Hank Monk, a legendary stagecoach driver. He became famous locally when he told New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley, "Keep your seat. I'll get you there on time." This remark was retold in one of Mark Twain's stories in "Roughing It".

Clue #14

Cruz by the buffer
From Howell's memorial
Next to the wetlands
But steer clear of arboreal

The Fulstone wetlands were constructed by Cruz Construction, as noted on the dedication plaque, and the wetlands serve as a buffer zone between Interstate 580 and the Northridge subdivision. Interstate 580 is dedicated to Carson City Deputy Sheriff Carl Howell. The Fulstone wetlands are full of small trees and bushes, and thus, the wetlands are arboreal. Therefore, this clue directs hunters to look towards the path that runs between the freeway and the wetlands, where the medallion is hidden.