

# Treasure hunters can uncover North Side history

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Starting Saturday, kids of all ages can explore Pittsburgh's North Side in a game that is designed to be an educational and quirky journey that can lead to prizes.

The "Where Is Allegheny City?" Treasure Hunt — which kicks off Saturday at the North Side Celebration in the Park — will let participants go on walking tours around the North Side, where they will find as many as 27 landmarks, using free maps available at businesses throughout the North Side. When participants find these landmarks, they can use their cell phones to call the treasure hunt's hot line, answer a question about what they are seeing, and hear a fun fact about the place, or perform a physical challenge.

"You just need a map and your cell phone, and you're good to go," Jocelyn Horner says. She is the community programs manager for the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, which created and is sponsoring the treasure hunt.

With each correct answer, participants will receive one letter to a nine-letter password. When they complete the password, by successfully finding nine of the sites, they can go to the children's museum to claim prizes, which range from toys to admission passes to North Side museums.

"Not only is it free, but if you play the game, you actually win a little," Horner says.

The treasure hunt is a bit challenging, she says, but, if you're a good detective, you should be able to figure it out."

The idea behind the treasure hunt, an activity that will be offered indefinitely, is to educate visitors about the gems of the North Side, which used to be a separate entity from Pittsburgh that was called

Allegheny City.

There are the obvious attractions, like the children's museum and the Carnegie Science Center, but also plenty of lesser-known spots — including a tree, located near Community College of Allegheny County, that was supposedly planted by President Ulysses S. Grant.

"We thought, is there some fun way to get people out and walking around the North Side to see not only the big gems of the North Side but also some of the smaller treasures that are kind of under our radar?" Horner says. "We also wanted to uncover some of the historic facts, and tie it to what the North Side is today."

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## 'Where Is Allegheny City?' Treasure Hunt

**When:** Noon Saturday

**Where:** Participants can pick up maps at the North Side Celebration in the Park — held at East Allegheny Commons Park, across the street from Allegheny General Hospital — and begin the hunt that day. Those who complete the password on Saturday can return to the park for a drawing for the North Side Super Sleuth Pack, which contains several donated gifts, including a one-year membership to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

**Admission:** Everything is free, including the maps, which will be available at several North Side businesses and attractions.

**Details:** 412-322-5058, ext. 219, or [www.whereisalleghenycity.org](http://www.whereisalleghenycity.org)



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