



Museum of the Cherokee People

MOTCP Scavenger Hunt – Rhododendron Version

Walk through the exhibit to find all the clues below. Each clue will be marked by an rhododendron-colored water spider. Once you find the clue, take some time to complete each activity.

Look for the house with patches in the wall. Can you see what material is inside the wall? Rivercane was used for many things and is still used by Cherokee people. What are some ways rivercane can be used?

Find the display with trade beads. How far do you think these beads traveled? Beadwork designs have lots of meaning and can tell stories. What story would you add to your beaded designs?

Look for Sequoyah and the Cherokee syllabary that he created. Find out how to say, “hi, how are you” in Cherokee. Can you write it down in Cherokee syllabary?

Find the big murals about the Trail of Tears (we call this the Removal). This represents a time when our nation was forced to move 1,000 miles away from our homes. Today, there are 3 Cherokee tribal nations. We live in Oklahoma and in Cherokee, North Carolina. Can you list the 3 Cherokee tribes that exist today? (Hint: you can ask museum staff to help answer this question.)

Look for the orange display that shows life in Boarding Schools. Students your age were often forced to leave their families and go to school away from home. Can you write down what you see in the photos?

Time to go outside! There are lots of things to see, feel, and smell. Can you find the walking path in front of the museum store? Take your time walking along, looking at the plants and smelling them. Can you name any of the plants? What do they smell like? Can you find the patch of rivercane?



Use this space to draw rivercane



Use this space to draw rhododendrons

Once you finish your scavenger hunt: Turn it in at the front of the museum for a prize!