

# COMMUNITY QUEST

## • CHILLICOTHE •

*Be sure to follow all social distancing policies while completing this activity. Much of this quest can be completed by walking the historic district. Only those with an asterisk will be outside of that area.*

### Ringing Tower

This tower, located in one of the city parks, holds the 2003 bicentennial bell and tells time. Take a group picture with the tower as your backdrop.

### Teamwork

It took a team of six to 10 men to fire this giant gun during the Civil War. Find the old armory and take a picture with this relic from the past.

### Water to Art

Due to a series of fires in town in the 1880s, the city decided that a pump house was needed in the center of town. Designed as both a functional and architectural building, the facility served its purpose until the city grew too large. It wasn't until 1991 that it was restored and then opened as an art gallery. A Girl Scout troop has even displayed their art here. Take a picture of the most artistic person(s) in your group with the sign out front or with something inside if it is open and you decide to explore.

### Little Red Caboose

The B&O railroad cars are home to a museum highlighting the impact the railroad had on the Chillicothe area. Take a picture on the caboose or pretend you are running to catch the train. Be creative!

### Sculptor and Surgeon

Mary "May" Cook was a sculptor by trade and a pioneer in plastic surgery. She was the first woman to study ceramic engineering at Ohio State University but was denied a degree because of her gender. She continued to study and became known for her statues, fountains, terra cotta panels and bas reliefs that can be found across the country. Her most important work however was done during World War I when she was assigned as a volunteer to Fort McHenry. She created the sketches, paintings and masks that guided surgeons through the facial reconstruction surgeries for many soldiers. Take a picture with her WWI monument in the park.

### Bridging Ceremony

This stone arch bridge built in 1935 is used by many local Girl Scout troops for their bridging ceremony. Take a picture of members of your group on the arched part of the bridge.

### Aesthetic Aerator

This large plume of water makes the lake more appealing to human visitors but also helps circulate the lake water to help add to the lifespan of the fish and other water creatures. Take a picture with the plume of water in the background. If you can get some ducks in the picture, that would be great!

### Take a Break

These round or multi-sided structures can be found in many parks. They are used for music, weddings and relaxation. Find one in the park and take a break. Take a picture of the oldest people in your group taking a break.

### Masons to Majestic

Originally the Masonic Hall, this building hosted Bob Hope, Laurel and Hardy and many others. At one time, the lower level seats could be moved to allow for a dance floor or roller skating rink to be used. Take a picture of your group's biggest movie fans with the marquee arch that crosses over Second Street.

### Hilltop Star\*

Carlisle Hill is home to the Christmas Star and the Easter Cross. When illuminated for these special holidays, it can be seen from most of Chillicothe. The star project was started in 1962 by a group of high school freshman and creator Worley Rodehaver. It is traditionally only lit for the holiday seasons but was turned on to provide hope to the community during the pandemic. It will remain on until the pandemic is over. While on the hill, take a picture of the star or the city of Chillicothe.

### Common Pleas

This courthouse was completed in 1858 on the site of Ohio's first statehouse and the county's first jail. Take a group picture with the courthouse clock tower in the background.

### One Ringy-Dingy\*

As a tribute to the former Chillicothe Phone Company, the current company painted a mural of a storefront and a warehouse featuring historic aspects of the company. Take a picture with group pretending to pet the horse in the scene.

### Extra, Extra, Read All About It

This local newspaper is Ohio's oldest and is published daily. The stone marquee with the name can still be found over the front door of the building now occupied by a realtor. Take a picture with the marquee or find a paper and take a team member's picture reading it.

### View of the Canal

This mural highlights the history of the canal in the city's past. The canal came into town from the north, turned and ran east beside Water Street. After crossing Main Street, it veered off to the southeast. Take a group picture in front of the canal mural.

### **Post Office to Venue**

This historic building served as the main post office in Chillicothe for almost 60 years. It has now been transformed into a beautiful venue for weddings and other large events. The original name is still in the stone high above the door. Take a picture of your group in front of the building (or from across the street if there is an event happening).

### **Let's Be Mighty!**

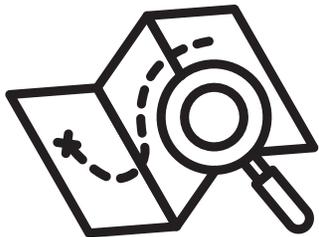
This is the mantra of a fun place for children. Creative self-directed exhibits help children learn about STEM and expand their knowledge base. Be mighty while taking a picture with the sign over the door. If you happen to go in to explore, take a picture with a favorite activity.

### **Go Hilltoppers!\***

This branch of a larger university in Ohio shares its nickname with Western Kentucky University since both universities sit on top of hills. Take a picture at the campus sign with one of your group pretending to go off to college.

### **Candy Cane Stack\***

Look up and around to find the striped steam stack of Pixelle paper. The candy cane striped structure can be seen from most of Chillicothe, although the best view might be from Grandview Cemetery. Take a group picture with the stack as your backdrop.



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