

The 2014 Oktoberfest Medallion Hunt Clues and Their Meanings

<p>Clue #1 Monday, Sept. 8 As summer turns slowly into fall once more, it's time to carefully decipher truth from folklore; the search for the medallion has begun in earnest, read each clue cautiously to win the contest.</p>	<p>Clue #1 The hunt is officially underway. As always, it's important to read the clues carefully to decide which part of the clue will help and which part could lead you astray.</p>
<p>Clue #2 Tuesday, Sept. 9 "Munich on the Mississippi" is the charge this year, but wait, "Which river is it?" is not quite clear; one of the seven is really the key, discover which stream and the search becomes more carefree.</p>	<p>Clue #2 The hint of the rivers will lead you to the site. "Not quite clear" will point you to the Black River, which received its name from the dark color in the river's water caused by the presence of tannin that comes from decaying vegetation. It is near this river where the hiding site is.</p>
<p>Clue #3 Wednesday, Sept. 10 Many years before the German beer would flow, a different industry was the area's get-up-and-go; for more than three decades they were the city's big businessmen, making their profits carried by horses and oxen.</p>	<p>Clue #3 Reference to the city's lumbering background will direct you to the area on the city's north side where many of the former lumbering mills flourished.</p>
<p>Clue #4 Thursday, Sept. 11 Opening just after a decade into the new century, was christened with ice cream and music amid near fury; dilapidated buildings, equipment and layers of sawdust, turned into greenery, playgrounds and places to rest.</p>	<p>Clue #4 The former site of a lumber mill owned by Col. Frederick Copeland between St. Cloud and Clinton streets was turned into Copeland Park after he donated the land to the city. The park was dedicated with a celebration that included an ice cream social and more in the summer of 1911. The park is near the area of the location of the medallion.</p>
<p>Clue #5 Friday, Sept. 12 In the mid 19th Century this transportation finally came, Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay and others with a Midwestern name; using the complete crossroads with routes galore, carrying passengers, settlers, felled trees and more.</p>	<p>Clue #5 Mention of the railroad industry will take you to one of the sites displaying the history of the railroads that were popular more than a century ago. "Complete crossroad" refers to the Grand Crossing Interlocking Tower that today stands at the north end Copeland Park, which leads toward the direction of the medallion's location.</p>
<p>Clue #6 Saturday Sept. 13 Designated for founders Frances, Edmund, Robert and Will; they remain today with often times traffic at a standstill; members of the other party than the modern-day politico, who stood by his similar-named connection no longer narrow.</p>	<p>Clue #6 Frances Rublee, Edmund Clinton, Robert Gillette and William Sill, early city founders who were Republicans, all have streets named for them in the area. President Bill Clinton, a democrat, campaigned in Copeland Park near the street with his name and the Clinton Street Bridge, which opened in the early 1980s and leads to the site.</p>
<p>Clue #7 Sunday, Sept. 14 Close by, the boys of summer proudly play, years ago it was home to a long work day; adjacent fields of green replace a repository spot, a game that for many Americans is all for naught.</p>	<p>Clue #7 The modern-day La Crosse Loggers baseball team plays in nearby Copeland Park and fields for soccer, which still struggles to gain popularity among professional sports in the United States, are located at Veterans Freedom Park. Both will lead you to the hiding spot.</p>
<p>Clue #8 Monday, Sept. 15 Named for a former state lieutenant gov., also goes by a language of love; don't race too far over the border, or you'll simply become just another lost voyageur.</p>	<p>Clue #8 The Town of Campbell, also named French Island, was named for Erasmus D. Campbell, a Wisconsin lieutenant governor. While French is one of the languages of love, in this case the island was named for Joseph French, one of the earliest settlers of the town. The city-town line, the border, is nearby, as is the path where the Oktoberfest half-marathon and five-mile race is run.</p>
<p>Clue #9 Tuesday, Sept. 16 Formerly a place for different kinds of waste, it's time to gather all clue locations in haste; now a spot to honor former freedom fighters, a point for picnics, games and various kinds of boaters.</p>	<p>Clue #9 Veterans Freedom Park is the site of a former landfill and yard waste drop off. The area was named to honor U.S. veterans after the turn of the century. The park has picnic tables, sporting fields, a boat landing and boat wash site.</p>
<p>Clue #10 Wednesday, Sept. 17 Anchored in history, clues and luck, hope your good fortune hasn't tanked with hints running you amok; look down now to crack each and every code, you'll find the shining silver to claim the prize mother load.</p>	<p>Clue #10 "Anchored" refers to the Navy display near the park entrance, as does the "tanked" reference to the military tank on display. That is where you will find the medallion, in a crack of one of the landscaping boards that border the area around the tank.</p>