

The Hunt is On!



Can you find the answers to these 11 questions while you're walking along the Delaware Canal towpath between the Virginia Forrest Recreation Area and Centre Bridge? This 1.3-mile stretch north of New Hope proper has plenty to see, and, if you look closely, you'll find the 11 answers.

The Hunt runs from the north end of the parking lot at the Virginia Forrest Recreation Area to just south of the bridge over the Delaware River in Centre Bridge. The questions are in sequential order – north to south.

Here are the questions:

1. The Delaware Canal is 58.9 miles long and runs from Easton to Bristol. Friends of the Delaware Canal volunteers have installed engraved granite stones set flush with the ground along the edge of the towpath. They mark each mile along the Canal's length starting with "1" in Bristol Borough. What number is shown on the mile marker that has been placed by the Virginia Forrest Recreation Area parking lot?
2. The first house located south of the Virginia Forrest Recreation Area is located on the Canal's berm bank. Opposite the house, on the towpath side, is a Canal structure that serves to release excess water. What is its name?
3. What decoration is on that same first house?
4. At a house farther south on the berm bank there are several sculptures in the yard. What kind of bird is the wire sculpture?
5. Weathervanes are popular on houses large and small. Did you see the flying _____ weathervane?
6. Until the Great Flood of 1955, a cable suspension bridge connected the Canal towpath to Hendrick Island. It was built by the Roebling Company, which was started by the man who was the original chief engineer for the Brooklyn Bridge. All that remains is a large concrete block along the towpath. Behind the block is a concrete curb with metal fence posts. How many posts are there?

7. What bird is standing guard on the house balcony overlooking the south end of Hendrick Island?
8. Who is the donor of the 9-11 memorial bench that sits south of the Redfield Bridge over the Canal?
9. Many houses on the berm side have stone walls along the Canal. What large concrete animals are guarding the Canal bank at one of those houses?
10. What are the names of the abandoned boats floating in the Canal at Centre Bridge?
11. What kind of birds can be seen near the Delaware River bridges at Centre Bridge, New Hope, and Lumberville?

When you are finished hunting, here's how to submit your answers to the Friends:

Send an e-mail message to friends@fodc.org. Please use "Canal Hunt" in the subject line and in the text include your name and address with your answers. The answers can be written descriptions and/or attached photos. If you are submitting photos, please label them with the numbers of the questions.

Please submit your answers no later than Wednesday, May 12.

Everyone who sends in answers will receive a special Delaware Canal button. The person or group that answers all the questions correctly will win a one-year Friends' membership and another outstanding prize. If there is more one correct submission, the winner will be drawn at random.

Happy Hunting!