

# Cape May



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## Family Treasure Hunt

*Historic District Self-Guided Tour*

Distance: 1.5 miles

Time 1-1.5 hours to complete

Presented by Cape May MAC (Museums.Arts.Culture)

Follow the instructions provided to explore Cape May's historic district on this self-guided walking tour. Please do not enter the properties. All questions can be viewed easily from the sidewalk. You will get one point for each question. Good luck!

1. Start at the Washington Street Information Booth, just outside the Winterwood Gift & Christmas Gallery. The booth was originally built as a guard house in 1868 for what Philadelphia Park?  
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2. Look down towards the mall. What is the name of the ship whose bell is now a monument on the mall?  
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3. Walk the Mall to The Ugly Mug and turn right... What is pictured in the painted mural across the street from Rotary Park?  
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4. Find the plaque by the fountain in Rotary Park. What year was it dedicated?  
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5. Look across Lafayette Street to Cape May Stage. The Robert Shackleton Playhouse now houses a professional theater company. What do you think this building used to be, before it was a theater?  
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6. Look to the top of the Playhouse. What do you think was the purpose of the tower at the top of the roof?

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7. Continue to the end of the park and turn left on Jackson St. Which restaurant do the little sailboat signs belong to?

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8. Continue down Jackson St. past the Mall and turn left on Carpenter Ln., and then right on Decatur St. As you walk down Decatur, on the lefthand side, you'll see a green Victorian building called The Empress. Notice the green and gold lamp post. What animal (in gold) is carved into the lamp post?

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9. Across the Hughes street, find the pointed-arch wooden doors of the Cape May Presbyterian Church. What color are the doors?

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10. Turn left on Hughes Street. On the right side of this block, you'll find the Cape May County Library. Can you find the sign to discover who the library is dedicated to?

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11. On Ocean Street, walk towards the ocean. Ahead on the right is the Queen Victoria, once a bed and breakfast. Notice the Mansard roof. This type of roof does not come to a peak but seems to come down onto the side of the building. What color is the Queen Victoria's Mansard roof?

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12. Turn left onto Columbia Ave. Stop at 609 Columbia. What is John Craig's middle initial?

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13. Take a look at the private residence "Sisters by the Sea." How many sails are on the sailing ship?

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14. Gaze at the war memorial across the street. What animal sits atop the column?

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15. Continue walking along Columbia. Which household bathroom fixture sits in the garden of the Mason Cottage at 623 Columbia?

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16. At 719 Columbia, what beverage sits between the fruit on the Bacchus Inn sign?

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17. Turn left on Franklin Street. Challenge question: As you walk down this street, there's a hedge trimmed to be the shape of a very special animal – can you figure out what it is?

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18. Turn right to Washington Street. On your right side is the Southern Mansion, built in 1863. What three main colors is the Southern Mansion painted?

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19. Continue walking up Washington Street. What is the name of the private residence at 922 Washington Street?

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**20. Continue up Washington St. The Tennis Center is named after which important Cape May resident?**

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**Pass in front of the Emlen Physick Estate—Home of Cape May MAC—and turn down the driveway toward the Carriage House to complete your tour.**

**We hope you have enjoyed your walking tour of historic Cape May. Stop in the Carriage House to turn in your completed Treasure Hunt for a prize!**