

1995 Manitou Days Treasure Hunt
Lakewood Hills Park, White Bear Lake

Clue #1:

*A treasure hunt in these great days of Manitou
Is beginning right now for all to know.
Follow these clues as they lead you there
Inside of this wonderful city we call White Bear.*

*On land for the public, base your hunt
You must be careful, for this is no stunt.*

Explanation:

This clue placed the medallion within the city limits of White Bear Lake. "Base" was a subtle hint at the baseball fields very near the medallion's hiding spot.

Clue #2:

*The medallion is large and of the metal kind
This information is helpful if you hope to find.
Concealing the prize is fancy grass and stick
Thinking feathers may do the trick.*

Explanation:

"Fancy grass and stick" and "feathers" described the nest in which the medallion was hidden (and placed in brush below an oak tree).

Clue #3:

*One thing you'll notice as you step onto the spot
Is that metal poles appear a lot.
Also, water can be seen from in back of our place
Pondering this could win the race.*

Explanation:

From the medallion's location one could notice many metal fence posts from the nearby baseball complex. In addition, this clue described a pond ("ponder") located to the southeast of the medallion's hiding spot.

Clue #4:

*There is a building that stacks up tall
And can easily be seen during the winter and fall.
It serves as a home to many at once
And will be noticed by the one who hunts.*

Explanation:

Manitou Ridge apartments can be seen to the east during the winter and fall when the trees do not have their leaves.

Clue #5:

*Our neighbor to the north, we must say
Is a four-letter word, but in a nice way.
Athletics and games are all part of the fun
C'mon you folks, we're half-way done!*

Explanation:

The first half of the clue placed the medallion south of the YMCA ("four letter word"). Many recreational activities can be found at Lakewood Hills, as was tipped off in the third line of the clue.

Clue #6:

*Standing up on the medallion's spot
Looking around you'll notice a lot.
Stars and stripes and a big red K
A double number and S.A.*

Explanation:

Many visual references could be made from this spot due to its high elevation. "Stars and stripes" pointed to the large American flag flying at the Perkin's restaurant across Interstate 694 to the south. "Big red K" referred to the K-Mart sign to the west. Also to the west was a Super America (S.A.) station.

Clue #7:

*Remember those times when life was slow?
Now, in these times, it's go, go, go.
Hear that sound? A powerful roar!
It appears to be passing traffic on 694.*

Explanation:

This clue put the medallion near Interstate 694, whose traffic could be easily heard from the spot.

Clue #8:

*Looking southwest from the medallion's mark
You'll see two kinds of gems – in and outside the park.
One's hue is green, the message we send
The other, we'll reveal, is a gal's best friend.*

Explanation:

The Emerald Inn ("gem" and "green in hue") was located to the southwest of the treasure site. Closer still were four baseball diamonds ("gal's best friend").

Clue #9:

*When the game is on, the lights are bright
A homerun can be watched from our elevated site.
Beneath an oak your treasure lies
With open spaces on two sides.*

Explanation:

As stated earlier in the clues, the medallion was hidden near Lakewood Hills' baseball complex. This clue added the facts that the treasure was hidden in the brush below an oak tree on the edge of a wooded space with grassy areas on two sides of it.

Clue #10:

*Inside Lakewood Hills Park our medallion does hide
And reading this clue will be your final guide.
At field one, look around
For behind the outfield fence the loot'll be found.*

*From homebase you mustn't look to the west
It's tangled in shrubs and inside of a nest.*

Explanation:

Final hints to the treasure's location.

Treasure's Exact Location:

