

Orlando Art & About

Remember treasure hunts? Here's one that's good for adults, families and people of all ages. We have hidden Public Art Caches near pieces of public art all around Orange County. This hunt was created in an effort to let more citizens experience public art through an exciting and adventurous journey around Orange County. We hope that, long after you track down one of our Caches, you will continue your search for art.

How it works:

1. Gather your supplies. You don't NEED any equipment, but if you'd like to keep a souvenir of the hunt, get a journal that you can stamp with the stamps that will be found in each Public Art cache. Then, so you can let others know that you were there, you might want to get a rubber stamp of your own to leave your mark at the site. There should be a pen and an inkpad in each Cache along with a journal for that site, but to be fully prepared you might want to bring your own pen and inkpad.
2. Print clues from our website for directions to where the Public Art Caches are hidden.
3. Follow the clues to find a Cache.
4. The stamp in the cache represents that art piece. Stamp your findings in your personal journal, documenting the date, location and art piece. The journal found in the cache, documents your find. Using your own stamp (or personal drawing), mark the journal in the cache and leave your name, date, and what ever other information you would like.
5. Place the Cache back exactly where you found it and make sure it is well hidden for the next hunter.
6. Send us an e-mail about your adventure.
7. Continue your search for the next Cache.

Quest Eternal

Off of Princeton St. you will find the location of this art piece. It can be found reaching for the sky directly in front of the Mennello Museum of American art. The quest for this cache is not difficult, as it can be found close to this art piece sculpted by Donald De Lue, whose career spanned an impressive six decades. A product of study in both the United States and France, De Lue's figurative sculptures often evoke nationalistic symbolism, classical mythology, or philosophical ideas. Before you leave the area look at another of his sculptures, Rocket Thrower, just across Princeton in Loch Haven Park. There are also sculptures of his at the Orange County Courthouse and at Orlando City Hall.

In your quest for the Cache, follow the statues right hand to behind him, where you will notice three potted plants. The Cache you are seeking can be found in the planter that holds the fox tail fern and the croton. Don't worry because this fox won't bite and its purple friend is very kind.

When searching for this Cache, please make sure to not dig around in the pot or damage the plant. When you're done, please place it back gently where you found it for the next hunter that comes along.

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Cycle of Life

Commissioned by the City of Orlando, this slightly larger-than-life statue depicts former Orlando mayor William "Billy" Beardall hugging a child who is holding an outstretched hand to a hovering bird. To the artist, William Kirlpatrick, the bird represented youth "flying into the future." Like many other Orlando City art commissions, this piece was paid for with money from Orlando's municipal art fund, created by a 1984 ordinance that sets aside 1 percent of qualified capital project monies for the purchase of art. This piece of art that is located near the corner of Delaney and Gore, in front of the Beardall Senior Center.

When you are standing in front of this sculpture you may need glasses to see this Cache. From the child, skip rock to rock until you stand between two oak trees. Look behind the oak tree to your left. Hungry? Crouch like a bird to reach the seeds on the ground. Hidden in the bushes before you, look for a branch and moss covered hiding place.

Please make sure to not damage the plants in the area. Place the Cache back exactly where you found it for the next hunter who comes along. Also, please cover the Cache back up with the moss and place the branch on top. Don't forget and leave your hat behind.

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Winged Runner

This art piece can be found ready to take flight outside of the Orange County Administration Center. Originally cast in Barcelona, Spain, this second cast of Winged Runner was on display at SeaWorld for many years. With an astronaut-like facemask and inadequate wings it is a monument to “dreamers.” The first cast of Winged Runner is at The United States Olympic Training Facility in San Diego, CA and won the “Orchid” award from a jury of architects and city planners. The artist, Roy Shifrin, lives in New York City.

Innovative and brave, this runner is ready to fly. If he should successfully leap off the tower with his wings, he might land in the bushes and trees ahead. Standing with your back to the *Winged Runner*, behind the nearest tree to your right is where the Cache you seek lies. To help you find the Cache among all the bushes, the box is hidden under leaves with a branch on top of it.

Please make sure to not damage the plants in the area. Place the Cache back exactly where you found it covering it with leaves and the branch for the next hunter who comes along.

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Sister City Commemoration

This rock is larger than most and stands erect near Lake Eola. It commemorates Orlando's sister city, Tainan City, Taiwan. This huge black marble stone was sculpted by the winds for over ten thousand years. It was discovered first in the mountains in Jua-Lien County on the eastern coast of Taiwan at an altitude of one thousand six hundred meters. It has been a major undertaking to remove this stone from the mountain heights, transport it to the seaport and prepare it for shipment. There are two significant words chosen by Tainan City's Mayor Su to be inscribed on the stone. 'Loyal to Country. Filial to Parents.'

Standing tall behind this sculpture (with your back to the lake) you will notice in the rough texture of this rock a small natural peephole. Look through it to the two red posts across the way. Please note that if you are shorter than 5' 6" you may need a boost. Behind the red walkway hidden in a hollow rock is where you will find this Cache. Make sure to be careful when searching around the prickly bushes that intrude on this serene Chinese garden.

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Bunk Baxter: Alligator Wrestler

For a piece of history, you will need to travel back in time to the N/S, E/W center of Orlando's street system where a man sits outside wrestling an alligator. The sculptor, Scott Shaffer, is a Colorado native who uses his degree in Natural Sciences to full effect by creating incredibly detailed bronze animal sculptures. He began sculpting in 1987 and then became a full-time artist in 1994. His work was selected to be included in the Cypress Gardens Wildlife Sculpture Series for four consecutive years.

Take a good look at Bunk and the building he is standing in front of. In order to find this Cache, you must go inside the old courthouse. Enter through the glass doors, pass the red room and arrive to the main hall. You need to search all the corners of this room for the original stone that hides the Cache you seek.

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Tower of Light

The Tower stands tall outside of a City Hall near South St. When working properly the Tower of Light is a colorfully illuminated 60' high stainless steel and laminated imported opal glass monument at the heart of downtown Orlando. Placed at the centerline of *our county's* Avenue, the tower celebrates physically and metaphorically the intersection of private and public interests in Orlando, and is a symbol for the aspirations of the community. It was commissioned during the heyday of the "Points of Light" volunteerism movement. Drivers and passengers can see the tower, by renowned glass artist, Ed Carpenter, from several blocks away as they drive down the Avenue towards City Hall.

Immerse yourself in the *Tower of Light*. enter your site from there between two palms and you will see a muscular leg. Go there. This athlete is trying to give you a hint. Go in the direction his right pointer finger is pointing. There are two birds that don't ever leave these blueberry bushes. They might have left droppings all over the area where this Cache is located if they weren't cast in bronze.

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The Great American Horse

Outside of the Orange County Convention Center, located near the intersection of International Drive and Convention Way, rests this *Great American Horse* sculpted by Roy Shifrin. He is the artist who also created *The Leaper* and *Winged Runner* at the Orange County Administration Center. While you are in the area of the Convention Center make sure you notice the sculptures of the panthers, deer, birds and manatee in front of the West Concourse. But back to the *Great American Horse* . . .

Standing alone, still in the wind, this horse waits for you. Stand in front, look into his eyes and ask him to help show you the way to this Cache. Look between his legs and there will be a palm tree. The palm tree to the right of it is where you need to go next. Stand there and search for the forest where three short bald trees stand. Gallop 60 steps to the tree on the right. The short prickly bushes in front of you hides the Cache you seek.

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The Tree of Philosophy

A modern steel and bronze tree with clean, sharp organic appendages. The branches appear to undulate and flow from the base. During the day, sunlight reflects off of its luminous silvery skin. The artist, Gretchen Lothrop, claims that metal is her true love, but she also often infuses her love for music and dance into the sculptures she creates in her North Carolina studio.

At this institute of higher education that stands for opportunity, one might be able to receive answers to philosophical questions. This piece of art can be found the University of Central Florida main campus in the courtyard between HPA and HPA II buildings.

Only one of these trees holds the answers you seek. Even though they both look a lot alike, the tree that blows outwards with the wind holds the Cache you are looking for. While admiring its beauty, you will notice a black sign. The third bush to your right is where you will find the answers you are looking for.

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Orphan

Christmas is celebrated here all year long. This *Orphan* likes to hide in the community's famous fort. The *Orphan* is one of a small collection of bronze sculptures from the artist Hughlette "Tex" Wheeler, acquired by Orange County for their historic significance from his only daughter, Betty Wheeler Bass, whose family has been part of the town of Fort Christmas for generations. During the 1930s and early 1940s Tex Wheeler was considered one of the country's best equine sculptors and was commissioned by many wealthy horse owners. He returned to Ft. Christmas where he continued to sculpt, despite debilitating arthritis, until his death in 1954.

Enter Fort Christmas through the wooden gate. Hidden from plain view, behind the Storehouse is where the *Orphan* rests. As you travel back in time to the early 1900's, standing proud and tall on his horse in the center of a glass case is where you find the *Orphan*.

The Cache is located inside the Visitors Center at the Front Desk. You will need to ask for it.

Please note the business hours of Fort Christmas: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Mondays and Holidays

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Receptualistic Pyramid

Johann Eyefells taught sculpture at UCF for many years. Influences of his childhood in Iceland can be seen in the earthy nature of many of his works. This pyramid is mounted on a solid, square, metal base supported by four posts at each corner. The open-sided concrete and metal is both permeable and impermanent, seeming almost to grow as it decays. This pyramid can be found behind the Crealde School of Art hidden among other pieces of art.

Look through the pyramid and circle it until you see a red bridge. Follow the red brick road, pass the light pole and cross the red bridge. Stop once you can see the little boy playing with his dog. Stand near the dogs tail, and take 30 steps while walking between the bushes and a red fence going towards the tallest tree. This Cache is hidden behind the Awesome **Mossem** man on the tree.

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Citrus Sky

The Cache that you seek is hidden inside a building full of books. Some say you can see snow here in Winter over a Garden. This brightly colored large-scale mobile hangs gracefully above the main seating area in the Orange County Winter Garden Library. The children's section of this library contains the artist's original, considerably smaller, mock-up of *Citrus Sky*. The artist, John Robert Wolfe graduated from Rollins college.

When you enter this building look up and you will see oranges in the sky. From this art piece your journey begins. Travel to the 750's and look for Leonardo Da Vince's "The Complete Book of Paintings." Underneath the shelf where this book sits, you will find the Cache you are searching for.

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Serenity by the Lake

Travel to 4872 Rose Bay Drive to experience *Serenity by the Lake* inside this community center. Based on an original painting by Arthur Dawson that resides in City Hall, these 8 x10 panels were created by Percy Studios and fabricated in Italy using a high- resolution digital image of the original painting. The scene conveys diversity on many levels, from the people to the flora and fauna in the park.

As you enter go down the left hallway and search for the Mult-Purpose Room. Inside you will find the serenity that you seek.

You will need to ask for the Cache at the Information Desk.

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The Frog

Perfectly suited for this spot next to the pond, this large, content looking *Frog* crouches next to some mushrooms. *The Frog* purchased by Orange County during District 6 Commissioner Butler's time in office. As the commissioner was a lover of frogs, this sculpture is a lasting tribute to her work in this district and continues to be a source of enjoyment for many, especially the children who come to Barnett Park.

From the Administration Center, follow the sidewalk towards the fountain in the Urban Pond. Stop at the wooden bridge and stand next to the closest light pole. Do a complete circle until you see the bronze statue. Follow the wooden bridge and it will lead you right to him.

The Frog is trying to give you a hint to where this Cache lies. His left ring finger is pointing in the direction you need to go. Take five hops and stop at the next bridge. Underneath it, you will find the Cache you seek.

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