

Let's Look for Leprechauns at Old Sacramento Waterfront

It's that time of year again! The St. Patrick's Day leprechauns have once again visited the Old Sacramento Waterfront in search for their favorite thing...gold! However, after their arrival, they learned the Gold Rush Era ended long ago. After thinking this was the end of their rainbow, they fled! Help us find the leprechauns who are hidden all over our historic district so they can celebrate their beloved Irish holiday on time. They have each hidden themselves with a secret word, collect all the secret words to unlock the final secret message at the end of your activity book and help restore Irish luck and good cheer.

Instructions: Using the clues, go to each stop to find the mystery words. Each word is a different color. Once you find all the secret words, fill in the blanks with the words you find based on their corresponding color.

Hint: Some words may be used more than once!

There are also 4 optional bonus activities sprinkled throughout this hunt where you will receive bonus secret words! If you want some real life leprechaun treasure, complete the bonus activities for a chance to win a gift basket! Email your bonus answers to events@downtownsac.org before Thursday, March 17 at 5 PM.

Stop #1

We are just getting started, this shouldn't take long! Make your way to the corner of 2nd & J, where there's a monument standing strong! This monument refers to a group of men known for delivering messages across the continent during a time when it took up to 4 months to send messages to California. In April 1860, they shortened delivery time to 10 days!

Look up and towards the tree. There should be a leprechaun and a secret word you can see!

Word 1:



Stop # 2

Looks like our leprechaun friends have a sweet tooth. They know somewhere on 2nd Street where you too can find something sweet to eat. Whether you prefer savory or sweet, head to Old Sacramento Cafe, they'll have a treat that will make your day!

Once you're inside, look up. Do you see our leprechaun friend?

Word 2: _ _ _ _ _

Bonus Activity: Look around at all the ice cream here; buy something green and help spread St. Patrick's Day cheer! When you make your purchase, explain that you're on the hunt for leprechauns. They will have a bonus secret word for you.

Stop #3

Start feeling lucky, only seven more stops to go. Make your way to the oldest pub in Sacramento! The Frey Building has been operating as a saloon and bar for over 100 years. With a name starting with O and a sign adorned with true Irish colors, it brings luck to everyone who nears!

Look up above the pub. Do you see the leprechaun? I think he's waving at you!

Word 3: _ _ _ _ _

Stop #4

Almost halfway done, no time to be tired now! Your next stop is a popular coffee shop, new to the block! This coffee shop is located on L Street and has the word blue in its name. Do you know where it is?

Once you're inside the shop, take a look at the nearest table, what do you see?

Word 4:

_ _ _ _

Bonus Activity: A warm drink on this brisk day might help your hunt! Grab a drink or a snack at Blueprint Coffee Project. Take a picture with our leprechaun friend, post on Instagram. Tag @BluePrintCoffeeProject. Remember to explain you're looking for Leprechauns to get the next bonus word.



Stop #5

You've found another leprechaun, look at you go, it's time to head to the Embarcadero! It's time to look for the monarch of Sacramento River that floats on the water. In the 1920s, it cost \$3.50 for a stateroom on this 285-foot ship, which was a lot of money. People could pay \$1.00 to stay on the Cargo Deck -- but they had to bring their own blanket!

Look out at the river; what do you see? On the roof, a leprechaun smiling with glee!

Word 5:

Stop #6

In 1852, on the day of Sacramento's great fire, 80% of the buildings near Sacramento's Waterfront were lost, but not all, today one building remains standing tall! Make your way to K Street to the tall white building, which has made it through it all! Hint: It's now referred to as the Costume Mansion.

Now take a look up at the balcony above. Can you see him there perched like a dove?

Word 6: -----

Stop #7

Four more leprechaun friends to locate; the next stop is right around the corner, address is 118. Barrels and barrels of candy, filled to the brim. Look around, buried deep, can you see him?

Word 7: -----

Bonus Activity: Since the leprechauns love candy too, post a picture at the this store or with your treats to coax more leprechauns out of hiding. Post the picture to your Instagram account and tag @oldtowncandybarrel. Once you post, make sure to explain you're on the hunt for leprechauns, and ask for the bonus word.



Stop #8

Now that it's March, Spring is near and the wind is picking up! It's the perfect time to find a kite, and watch it take flight! Head to a store on Front Street that is a galaxy of kites, toys, puzzles and windsocks.

Do you know the place? Once you get inside, you should see a familiar leprechaun face!

Word 8: _ _ _ _ _

Bonus Activity: Take a peek into this store, do you see anything fun that'll fit you just right? Complete the bonus activity by making a same-day purchase at Old City Kites! Make sure to let them know you're on the hunt for leprechauns when you complete your purchase to receive your bonus word!

Stop #9

Now that you have discovered many historical landmarks in Old Sacramento, we're off to the next. This building is a reconstruction of the first theater built in the entire state of California!

Word 9: _ _ _

Stop #10

We hope it's been fun, the shenanigans are almost done! Make your way to the place where you can learn all you need to know about Sacramento's rich history. Your final stop is a building which stands as a reproduction of the original City Hall and Waterworks Building.

Head inside to find our final leprechaun!

Word 10: _ _ _ _ _

Did You Know?

Head over to the Sacramento History Museum for a tour to learn more! Snap a picture with your admissions tickets, and post to social media. Tag @oldsac and @SacHistoryMuseum! (There is no bonus secret word here. This one's just for fun!)





Great work! Now that all of our leprechaun friends are safe and sound, all of the secrets words have been found! Hurry, you're almost done, I hope this hunt has been loads of fun.

Hint: Some of the words are out of order. Fill in the words corresponding to their colors.

SECRET MESSAGE:

_____ be _____ and your
_____ be _____, _____ pursue
you each _____ and _____ !

Bonus Riddle:

If you completed all 4 bonus activities, rearrange the words you received from each business to solve the bonus riddle below! What does it say?

_____ you a _____ o'gold,
And all the _____ your _____ can hold.

