You’re in an important place!

Walking the Prairie Line is a little like walking through the history of Tacoma and its people. This activity book is for kids to have fun learning the unique history connected with this trail.

This Coloring and Activity Book is a kid-friendly version of our online walking tour, available at:

www.PrairieLineTrail.org

Page 3 Answer: The sculpture shows a giant version of a train’s piston, part of a steam engine. Steam pressure in the engine pushes the piston back and forth, which creates power to move the train forward. A train engine has many pistons, each about the size of a loaf of bread. Page 4 Answer: 5 boxes tall x 8 boxes wide x 8 boxes long = 320, minus 1 missing, plus 2 on top = 321

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Connect the dots to give Union Station a new dome.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Union Station was built in 1909 as Tacoma’s train station. But after a new train station was built in the 1980s, the building was almost torn down.

A group of people got together to save this important building. Part of the repairs included replacing the copper dome.

Today, the building is used as a courthouse.

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**PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL**

**COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK**

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ARTWORKS

1. WHERE THE RAILS MEET THE SAILS
   BY ROTATOR CREATIVE

2. FLOW/PRESSURE
   BY MATTHEW DOCKREY

3. SHIPMENT TO CHINA
   BY HAIVNG WU

4. Nexus
   BY RYAN FEDDERSEN

5. WELCOME FIGURE
   BY OWALUSU - SHAUN PETERSON

6. MARU
   BY GERARD TSUTAKAWA

7. WORKING FORWARD, WEAVING ANEW
   BY JESSILYN BRINKERHOFF AND
   ESTEBAN CAMACHO STEFFENSEN

FOR PARENTS: FOLLOW ALONG ON THE MAP AT
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DID YOU KNOW?

Many of these plants and animals have important uses or significance
for the Puyallup people.

tools?

- KNIFE
- WAPATO ROOT
- BUTTERFLY
- CEDAR BARK
Look down at the old rails along the track. Can you find writing along them? Using a crayon or pencil, make a rubbing of the words you see.

MUST BE COMPLETED ON TRAIL.

Can you help finish the Japanese Language School’s Song using these Japanese characters? Write the word that matches the Japanese character.

世界: WORLD
山脈: MOUNTAIN RANGE
海洋: OCEAN/SOUND
調和: HARMONY

Surrounded by the 山脈 (____________) and deep blue 海洋 (____________), We must be diligent in pursuit of our ideals.

In 調和 (____________) let us continue to cultivate and discipline our minds, To dedicate ourselves for the sake of the 世界 (____________) and fellow man.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS SCULPTURE REPRESENTS?
Find the answer on the back cover.

A) Ship’s Buoy    C) Wheel Axle
B) Train Engine Piston    D) A Honeycomb

FLOW/PRESSURE  BY MATTHEW DOCKREY

DID YOU KNOW?
The Japanese Language School was a center for the Japanese community in Tacoma. Young Japanese-Americans came to the school to learn about Japanese language and culture.

During World War II, people of Japanese descent were forced into camps by the government. This memorial honors that history and the memory of the Language School.

MARU
BY GERARD TSUTAKAWA
DID YOU KNOW?
The Indigenous, or native, peoples of North America had a complex network of trade routes used to exchange luxury goods between tribes across the continent.

Complete the maze to trace the route of obsidian.

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Look at the sculpture. Can you find the following items? MUST BE COMPLETED ON TRAIL

1. OBSIDIAN
   What do you think this was used for?

2. DENTALIUM
   What is it made of?
   What was it used for?

3. HAND GAME
   What do you think this was used for?

4. CHAIR
   What is special about this chair?

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Detail of Box Top

NEXUS BY RYAN FEDDERSEN

1. Obsidian was not a common rock but could be found along the Pacific Northwest coast and was traded throughout the continent.
2. Dentalium shells were used to make jewelry and for ceremonial purposes.
3. These are hand game pieces, used as part of a guessing game.
4. This chair is made from animal hides, similar to a folding chair.
This Welcome Figure was created by Puyallup artist Qwalsius, also named Shaun Peterson, in 2013. The open-armed woman welcomes visitors to Tacoma, the Puyallup Tribe’s ancestral homelands.

Which tools did the artist use?
Draw a line to connect the artist tool with the step the artist took to finish the carving.

- Sketching
- Graphic Design
- Rough Carving
- Detailed Carving
- Painting & Finishing

Welcome Figure
By Qwalsius - Shaun Peterson

Can you estimate how many boxes are on this railroad car? Guess in the circle below.

Shipment to China
By Haiying Wu

Did you know?
The railroad beneath your feet was built by hand. Most of the laborers were immigrants from China who came to the United States to work on the railroad. This sculpture honors the workers who died doing this dangerous work.