

****Take the Grand *Orlando Art And About* Tour****

If you want to make a day of it, try finding all thirteen *Orlando Art And About* Public Art treasure caches in ONE DAY! It will probably take 4-8 hours. Here's the best route to take. And we'll point out a couple dozen more works of other art that you'll see along the way.

Start at Orlando City Hall. You can leave your car here for the first four boxes if you'd like. You'll circle the heart of downtown before you return to your car. There is surface parking across the street from City Hall at Orange Ave and South Street for weekend parking. During weekdays there is the garage behind City Hall on Garland.

- 1) Start with the ***Tower of Light*** clue in front of City Hall.
- 2) Walk North on Orange Avenue (against the traffic) for 5 blocks to Wall Street. Watch for the *Four Elements* and three other sculptures on your right in the Plaza. These monuments to "beauty" and "the human form" were created by Tuan Nguyen - a survivor of a Vietnamese concentration camp. Turn right onto the Wall Street pedestrian way, passing under *The Millenium Arch*, created . . . well you guess when. At the end of the pedestrian mall enter Heritage Square and follow the ***Bunk Baxter: Alligator Wrestler*** clues.
- 3) Leaving the Orange County Regional History center, turn left out of the doors and head down the Wall Street on the North side of the Library toward Lake Eola. As you cross Magnolia you can see the giant *Wave of Communication* mural to your left on the BellSouth building. And for an interactive and audio treat stop and explore the *Waves of Sound* sculpture to your right on the side of the Orange County Public Library. At the end of Wall Street cross into the park for the ***Sister City Commemoration*** clue.
- 4) Walk down Rosalind (against the traffic) for two and a half blocks to the Orange County Administration Center. On your way notice the large seemingly unfinished mural on your right that looks like vegetation growing over a parking garage. This mural, *Fence Mural*, like the one on the BellSouth building are by local artist Don Reynolds. At the Orange County Administration Center you'll see the imaginative figure *The Leaper* crouched and ready to launch himself. Around to the other side of the Administration Center is his companion ***Winged Runner***. Follow the clues to that box.
- 5) Walk one more block down Rosalind to South Street, turn right and your car should be up a block and on the left in the lot where you left it. From here you'll drive ½ mile south on Orange to Gore Street. Turn left on Gore and turn left into the second drive to park at the Beardall Senior Center and look for the ***Cycle of Life*** cache.

- 6) Go west on Gore for four blocks to Lucerne Terrace. Turn right onto Lucerne Terrace and follow signs to get on I-4 East (Left on American, right on Sylvia Ln turning into Garland Ave). Take the third exit (Princeton St – Hwy 438). Turn right onto Princeton and follow it . Just after passing under a pedestrian bridge, turn right into the Mennello Museum and follow the clues for ***Quest Eternal***. Notice many other sculptures around the Mennello Museum and surrounding park including *Rocket Thrower* on the other side of Princeton, also sculpted by Donald DeLue.
- 7) Return to Princeton. Turn right to follow it for its final block. Turn left onto Mills Ave (Hwys 17 and 92). Before you leave the park, look for the large red beams on the left by the Orlando Museum of Art. This piece, *Ruins XIII* is by Kingston, NY artist Ernest Shaw who taught himself the basics of sculptural technique. A similar piece, *Ruins XXIII* can be found at the Orlando International Airport. Next look for the *stained glass windows* of St. John’s Lutheran Church on your right. At the light turn right onto Orange Avenue, which you will follow through the curves and street name changes of Winter Park for three miles. Turn left onto St. Andrews Blvd at the Crealde Business Center and continue behind the strip mall to its end at Crealde. Follow the clues for ***Receptualistic Pyramid*** and enjoy the other sculptures in the gardens as you do.
- 8) Return to the main street at the stoplight (which is called Aloma/SR-426 at this point) and turn left. Follow Aloma for 2.7 miles. Turn right on Hall Road. Just 1.1 miles later turn left onto University Blvd and follow it nearly 4 miles onto the campus of UCF. Turn right at Gemini Blvd to go to the Information Center (on your right). There you pay for parking and get a map to the HPA buildings and follow the clues for ***The Tree of Philosophy***. There are dozens of public artworks on campus so keep your eyes peeled. Don’t confuse *The Tree of Philosophy* with *The Tree of Life*!
- 9) Leave the UCF campus by University Blvd. At the edge of campus turn left on Alafaya Trail/SR-434. Just over 2 miles South, turn left at Colonial Dr/SR-50. You will soon leave the growth and development of metropolitan Orlando as you travel 12 miles to Christmas, Florida. If it is December, bring your holiday cards along to be post marked from this tiny post office with the universally known name. The post office is on the right, but look to your left and turn onto Fort Christmas Road where you see the tall decorated Christmas tree (any day of the year). On your left, 1.7 miles down the road is the Fort Christmas Historical park. Drive in and back to the stockade. You’ll need to go to the North East corner building to find ***The Orphan***. The sculpture is not an orphan as there are five other sculptures by Tex including *First Call to Dinner* and *Stand Back*. Discover *The Orphan* Public Art Treasure Cache and you are very special. This is the least found cache and is in a much fancier box than any of the others.
- 10) You might want to use the facilities or get something to drink from the vending machine at Fort Christmas because our next drive, the longest is 38 miles. Exit

the museum as you came in and return down Fort Christmas Road to Colonial Drive/SR-50. Turn left. (Yes, that sends you even farther away from Orlando – but only for 0.3 miles). Turn right at Taylor Creek Road. Five miles later turn left onto SR-520 toward the Beach Line Expressway. Take that expressway (SR-528) west toward the International Airport. This is a toll road, so have your E-Pass/SunPass or a couple dollars ready. Nearly 30 miles later, take exit #1 for International Drive. On your right as you exit is a parking garage with a large Canadian mural. What’s that doing here? Well it’s the *Canadian Court Mural* located on a street by that name. It was painted by the same artist as the two murals in Downtown Orlando. Follow I-Drive to the right toward the Orange County Convention Center. The ***Great American Horse*** is on your right at the intersection with Convention Way.

- 11) Continue North up International Drive to Sand Lake Road/SR-482. Turn left. Immediately get into the right lane to merge onto I-4 East to Orlando. The second exit will be for Florida’s Turnpike/SR-91. Take exit 267A North toward Apopka. Again this is a toll, so be prepared to pay when you finally exit. On your left there will be a rest area island. Here you can see the brightly-colored and rotating weather vanes entitled *Garden of Motion* by the artists Tim Watkins and Carol May. These are from the State of Florida’s Art in Public Places program that sets aside one half of one percent of capital improvements for art. Don’t speed by so fast that you miss them at the North end of the island. Next merge onto SR-429. The first exit will be SR-438/Plant St. Turn left onto Franklin St/SR-438. The ***Citrus Sky*** will be in the library on your right in a little over a mile. This is a unique hiding place, so follow the clue carefully.
- 12) Now that you’ve circled the southern end of Orlando, we’ll head back into the center. Return to the 429 toll via Plant Street (Franklin). It is a left turn from Plant Street to enter SR-429 South. Merge onto the Turnpike South and then onto the East-West Expressway/SR-408 East. (Another toll road). On your left you’ll see one of the larger religious art installations at the base of the large cross are bas relief scenes from the Bible. Take Exit 5 for Kirkman Road/SR-435. Turn left to go north on Kirkman. Turn right at Colonial/SR-50. You’ll find the Barnett Park driveway on the left just before you get the Central Florida Fairgrounds. At the end of the lane you’ll be able to find ***The Frog***.
- 13) Are you exhausted yet? Fittingly, the last one is named *Serenity by the Lake*. Return to Colonial and turn right. You’ll just go three tenths of a mile west to Pine Hills Road. Turn right on Pine Hills Road and go north for a little over 3 miles. Turn right on North Lane. Seven tenths of a mile later turn left on Rose Bay Dr. The Rosemont Community Center will be on your left next to the Rosemont Pool. Here you will find ***Serenity by the Lake***.

It is seven and one half miles back to City Hall. If you need to return there return south on Rose Bay Drive to Rose of Tralee Way (just 300 feet). Turn left at Rose of Tralee Way. When it ends, turn left on Lake Orlando Parkway. Just a little

over a mile later, turn left on Lake Breeze Road and follow that out to John Young Parkway. Turn right on John Young/SR-423. You'll notice the *Caribbean Mural* on the left just before you cross Colonial Drive. After 3.6 miles turn left on Washington St/SR-526 and take it into the heart of Downtown Orlando. Turn right on Orange Avenue and you're just a few blocks from where you started!