

The Gates of AURONA



ADVENTURE GUIDE: SCHOOLHOUSE SAFARI

Need a good family adventure for the weekend?

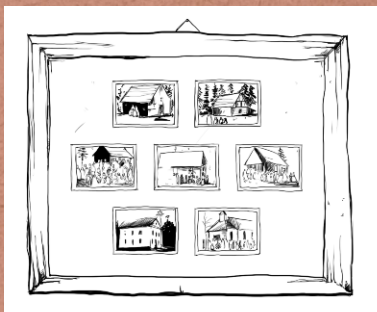
In the 1920s and 30s, families used to pack picnics and go on Sunday drives. Leisurely excursions through the scenic countryside brought families closer together and became a series of exciting discoveries all of their own!

During my research for GATES, Judy Goldmann, local historian and genealogist, offered to guide my kids and I on just such a drive to see a couple of local pioneer schoolhouses. We were super excited. But we were super shocked when she got in the car with a list of 16! We had no idea so many were still standing. And what a gorgeous drive. It was the experience of a lifetime and we will be forever grateful to her!



IT WAS SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE, WE DECIDED WE COULDN'T KEEP IT TO OURSELVES. If you visit or live in Washington County, Oregon, you can use this handy adventure guide to step back into the past and revisit Oregon's pioneer days yourself!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A SCHOOLHOUSE TOUR GUIDE FOR YOUR OWN AREA, I suggest contacting your school district, city hall, historical society, and local museum. If you are able to find a copy of the list of original school districts in your county, this makes an excellent starting point! After that, talking to folks at the historical society, local museum, senior center, or chapter of the Sons/Daughters of the Revolution (or other historic pride organization in your area) will help you discover where the schools were located and if they are still standing. The final step is to simply get in the car and drive and see what you can find! Don't be afraid to ask people along the way for help. Most folks are very excited to share the story of the place they call home!



ONE QUICK NOTE FOR OUR FELLOW ADVENTURERS

Most of these schoolhouses are on **PRIVATE PROPERTY**. please respect the law and the property owners. Taking pictures from the side of the road is fine, but **PLEASE** watch for cars. These are country roads and they can get a little crazy sometimes!

ADVENTURERS CAN WIN GATES GEAR

Send me a picture of yourself in front of a pioneer schoolhouse and you will be entered to win a GATES t-shirt as part of the online launch party for each new book in the series! No schoolhouses in your area? A picture of your favorite old school will work perfect! Send pictures to tonya@tonyamacalino.com. (All pictures received will be posted to www.tonyamacalino.com.)

North Schoolhouse Safari

1 HOUR 40 MINUTES OF DRIVING, PLUS STOPS

Because many of these areas don't have cellphone reception for your navigation, Judy and I have put together a step-by-step driving guide. The tours begin in old town Hillsboro in the spot where our town began so very long ago at the:

TOM HUGHES CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
150 E Main St
Hillsboro, Oregon

Here your merry band of adventurers can gather cocoa, coffee, pastries, and other necessities for the trip! From Main Street, you will turn right onto 1st Street. First Street will become Glencoe Road. Turn left on Cory; then right on Hornecker Road. Then take a right on Leisy Road. Your first stop near the intersection of Leisy and Bagley Roads will be the Leisy School where Judy and even her grandmother went to school!

Glencoe Road. At the farm and garden shop, turn right onto Scotch Church Road (the 1878 Old Scotch Church is worth a picture!) At the end of the road, turn left on Jackson School (to the east was where Joe and Virginia Meek lived!) and follow it over Highway 26. At the intersection of Jackson School and West Union road, your next stop will be:



THE LEISY SCHOOLHOUSE
4496 NW Leisy Rd
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Private Home



JACKSON SCHOOLHOUSE (SITE)
10409 NW Jackson School Rd
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Brick Used to Build Current Home

Continue on Leisy Road until it runs into Wren Road, turn right. Follow Wren Road and take a left back onto

Traveling north on Jackson School, you will pass the old Shadybrook Chapel and the pallet factory, then turn right on Shadybrook Road.



SHADYBROOK SCHOOLHOUSE
 15216 NW Shadybrook Road
 North Plains, Oregon
 STATUS: Private Home

On the corner of Dixie Mountain Road, Shadybrook Road, and Dorland Road, you will find a barn with a mural of a traditional thresher. Stop there and turn around. Head back the way you came on Shadybrook Road to Pumpkin Ridge Road, turn right. Turn left on Old Pumpkin Ridge Road. (At this intersection until recently, had stood the Arcade Schoolhouse!) Follow Old Pumpkin Ridge down to Mountaindale, turn right. (On your way down Old Pumpkin Ridge Road, if you stop at the entrance to the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, you can see a cluster of trees far in the field across the road. This is the Jackson Family Cemetery—the pioneer family who built the first Jackson School!) Mountaindale will take a sharp right at the Dersham Road intersection. Follow



Mountaindale to Dairy Creek Road. When you turn right at the corner you will see the old Mountaindale General Store. The Old Blacksmith's Shop recently burned to the ground. Your next stop will be:



MOUNTAINDALE SCHOOLHOUSE
 15915 NW Dairy Creek Rd
 North Plains, Oregon
 STATUS: Well-Tended

Find a safe place to turn around and return to Mountaindale Road; turn right. As you follow Mountaindale Road, keep watch in the fields on the right hand side. (35861 NW Mountaindale Road) You will see

an old abandoned saw mill. Mobile logging camps traveled throughout the Willamette Valley in the early days, even putting in temporary railroad tracks to carry logs back to these mills! Take Mountindale across Highway 26. At the Wilkesboro railroad crossing, turn right onto Aerts Road; then left onto Wilson River Highway 6. Travel past Banks to Parson Road, turn right. At the intersection of Parson and Wilson School Road, you will find:



WILSON SCHOOLHOUSE
53500 NW Wilson School Road
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky

The next stop is a real treat: a schoolhouse museum maintained by a local congregation! (Consider calling ahead to the pastor at (503) 357-9852 to make arrangements to go inside.)

Return back down Parson Road to Wilson River Highway, turn left. Get off the highway at Timmerman Road, turn left on Shearer Hill Road; then take another left on Clapshaw Hill Road. On the property of the beautiful Hillside Bible Church, you can tour:



HILLSIDE SCHOOLHOUSE
49820 NW Clapshaw Hill Rd
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Schoolhouse Museum!



Once you've finished your tour, turn right onto Clapshaw Hill Road and follow it until it ends on Kansas City Road. Very soon after you take a right turn onto Kansas City, you will find a schoolhouse of the same name.



KANSAS CITY SCHOOLHOUSE
9906 NW Kansas City Road
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky



THATCHER MEETING HOUSE
(NEAR SCHOOL SITE)
5998 NW Thatcher Road
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky

Continue on Kansas City Road until it turns into Thatcher Road. At the corner of Thatcher and Kemper is the building you see below. This is the Thatcher Meeting House and while it very likely did some service as a center of learning at one time or another, the actual Thatcher schoolhouse was located nearby on Hillside. The schoolhouse burned down and the site is now occupied by one of the homes near the corner—though we are uncertain which one.

Time to Eat!

Follow Thatcher Road, then Gales Way, then 23rd Avenue, then Main street (all right turns) into the City of Forest Grove! Then either have a picnic at any of a dozen parks or—if you are as big a fan of Harry Potter as Cam is—stop in for some hearty English food at The King's Head Pub! The small, cozy pub has an upstairs, a bank vault, and a front room with board games to play while you are eating your Cornish Pasty or Scotch Egg! (Large parties should call ahead (503) 357-7095.)



KING'S HEAD PUB
2004 Main St
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Tasty!



MAGGIE'S BUNS
2007 21st Ave
Forest Grove, Oregon
STATUS: Tasty!

Just looking for a tasty treat? Maggie's Buns is a quirky little café famous for its pastries. (Particularly the giant cinnamon rolls!) Note that it is only open until 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, and is closed on Sunday. And speaking of old school buildings, if you walk to the end of 21st toward Pacific University, you can see Old College Hall, the oldest active higher education building west of the Mississippi. Upstairs is a fascinating museum open on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

For your final schoolhouse on this tour, from Main Street, turn right onto Pacific Avenue, then left on B Street. B Street will take you Tualatin Valley Highway 47; turn right. From TV Highway, turn left onto Spring Hill Road. Follow Spring Hill quite a ways until you reach the corner of Laurelwood Road. There you will find:



HILL SCHOOLHOUSE
13804 SW Spring Hill Road
Gaston, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky

Hill Schoolhouse makes a gorgeous finale to your first schoolhouse safari adventure! To return to Hillsboro, follow Laurelwood Road to Bald Peak Road; turn left. Bald Peak will take you to Hillsboro Highway 219; turn left and this will take you back into town!

East Schoolhouse Safari

1 HOUR 20 MINUTES OF DRIVING, PLUS STOPS

Although this is a tour with only two schoolhouses, there are some beautiful historic stops along the way! Again we will begin our tour in Hillsboro's historic downtown district for provisions:

TOM HUGHES CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

150 E Main St
Hillsboro, Oregon

From Main Street turn right onto 1st Street which will become Glencoe Road, which will then become Shadybrook Road. Past the pallet factory, but in front of the barn with the thresher mural turn left onto Dixie Mountain Road.



Turn left again on Northrup Road and keep to the right as it becomes Collins Road. You will pass the bamboo gardens (where they give great free tours!). Collins Road will split. Keep to the right. Shortly after that Collins Road will run into Kay Road; turn right. Kay Road will turn

back into Dixie Mountain Road. Past the Dixie Mountain Grange (where they host an amazing strawberry shortcake feed for Father's Day!), at the corner of Pottratz Road and Dixie Mountain Road, you will find:



WALLACE SCHOOLHOUSE

24005 Dixie Mountain Road
North Plains, Oregon
STATUS: Private Home

Stay on Dixie Mountain Road. On your right, you will find the Mountain View Pioneer Cemetery. If you decide to stop, the view from the cemetery is gorgeous and so

peaceful. Take a slight right onto Rocky Point Road; then another slight right onto Skyline Boulevard. Skyline will eventually become Old Cornelius Pass Road. At the corner of Old Cornelius Pass and Phillips Road, sits McMenamins Rock Creek Tavern. You can park your car there and walk a short distance down Phillips Road to see the former Swiss bakery which was once:



ROCK CREEK SCHOOLHOUSE
19189 NW Phillips Road
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky



MCMENAMINS ROCK CREEK TAVERN
10000 NW Old Cornelius Pass Rd
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Tasty!

To return to Hillsboro, continue on Old Cornelius Pass Road; then take a right onto Cornelius Pass Road. Cornelius Pass will take you to Highway 26 or can take you all of the way into Cornell Road which will connect you once more with Main Street and Hillsboro's downtown district.

Time for Chow!

McMenamins Rock Creek Tavern is a fun place for storykeepers and art lovers to explore. McMenamins built on the remains (and sometimes with the remains!) of a tavern/local store/blacksmith's shop which began in the mid-1920s. Just outside of the front porch is a bomb crater dating from a teamsters union dispute from shortly after the Prohibition. The home of the second owners, the Fugeys, still stands across the road. For food, the Rock Creek Tavern has a happy hour menu that can boost the energy of even the most road-weary young explorer with heaping piles of tater tots and mini burgers galore. Shady trees and cozy dining cubbies make this historic restaurant a relaxing break from the road.

South Schoolhouse Safari

1 HOUR 20 MINUTES OF DRIVING, PLUS STOPS

Many of the schoolhouses Judy, the kids, and I went seeking after in this tour had been torn down, but some real beauties are still with us! (And this pared-down tour will save you our very wild, yet gorgeous trip through the mountains. I still have flashbacks about one particular hairpin turn!) Once again we begin at:

TOM HUGHES CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

150 E Main St
Hillsboro, Oregon

From Main Street turn left on 1st Avenue and stay on it as it becomes Hillsboro Highway 219. On your left you will pass the Jackson Bottom Wetlands, a wonderful stop for walks and bird watching. They also have a wonderful museum and gift shop! Turn left on Burkhalter Road. Where Burkhalter ends on Rood Bridge Road, just a short jag to the left is:



FARMINGTON SCHOOLHOUSE #2

8180 SW Rood Bridge Road
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky

Find a safe place to turn around and follow Rood Bridge down to Farmington Road; turn right and follow Farmington back to Hillsboro Highway 219. Turn left onto Hwy 219. At the intersection, stay to the left. Shortly after the turn, you will see:



MIDWAY SCHOOLHOUSE
 14925 SW Hillsboro Highway 219
 Hillsboro, Oregon
 STATUS: Private Home

Time for Breakfast / Lunch!

Continue on Hillsboro Highway 219 until you see where it intersects with Scholls Ferry Road, turn into the parking lot just before the intersection at:



SOUTH STORE CAFE
 24485 SW Scholls Ferry Rd
 Hillsboro, Oregon
 Status: Tasty!

The South Store Café serves the most amazing fresh pastries, along with sandwiches, and other delectable breakfast/lunch fare. Sipping your cocoa and munching your pastry on the patio is the most relaxing thing EVER! They are open Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. / Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and early bird gets the best pick of the treats! The South Store has been standing since 1903 (then a general store and meeting house), but is now famous for its “rakish tilt”—the result of surviving the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. Smith’s Berry Barn across the street is fun for shopping, berry picking, and feeding the chickens, too!

Once you’ve brushed off the crumbs, let’s hit the road again! Exit the parking lot onto Scholls Ferry Road and turn left. At the Petrich General Store & Hardware, turn right onto Scholls Sherwood Road. Stay right on Scholls Sherwood on the first intersection and at the second intersection turn left to stay on Scholls Sherwood until it ends on Roy Rogers Road; turn right. Just as you are entering Sherwood, turn right on Cedarview Way. Enter the church parking lot. The school is behind the cemetery.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOLHOUSE
 17500 SW Cedarview Way
 Sherwood, Oregon
 STATUS: Still a School!

Continue on Roy Rogers Road into Sherwood until you reach Pacific Highway 99; turn left. After a ways, turn right onto Durham Road. Just past Tigard High School,

you will see a park on your right, pull into the parking lot and you can get some great pictures of:



DURHAM SCHOOLHOUSE
8040 SW Durham Road
Tigard, Oregon
STATUS: Still a School!

From the parking lot, turn left back the way you came on Durnham Road. Return to Pacific Highway 99 and turn right. Turn right at Beef Bend Road. Beef Bend will take you back to Roy Rogers Road; turn right. At Scholls Ferry Road turn left. At the corner of Tile Flat Road and Scholls Ferry, you will find Kinton Schoolhouse. Just beyond the intersection, you can pull into the Kinton Grange parking lot for pictures!



KINTON SCHOOLHOUSE
19038 SW Tile Flat Road
Beaverton, Oregon
STATUS: Spooky

Lunch / Dinner Time!

Turn onto Tile Flat Road. When you reach Farmington Road, turn left. When you reach the intersection of Farmington and River Road, you will see the only other remaining building from the days of the community of Farmington (other than the schoolhouse). The former general store/saloon/restaurant built in the 1920s is now an adorable '50s style dinner open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Famous for their burgers and shakes, the diner is also a great place to admire the late model cars whose owners frequent the restaurant. One fun fact: Watch the road signs on all of these tours. Many roads are named after towns that are no more: Wilkesboro, Farmington, Glencoe, Dixie, Thatcher, Scholls, Mountindale, Leisyville, etc.



CRUISE IN COUNTRY DINER

9785 SW River Road
Hillsboro, Oregon
STATUS: Tasty!

From the parking lot, head left onto River Road and pass through the intersection. At the intersection of Rosedale Road, turn right. You will pass a quaint abandoned farmhouse on your left. Where Rosedale meets Jacktown Road, you will see:



JACKTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE (SITE)

23435 SW Rosedale Road
Beaverton, Oregon

Find a safe place to turn around and head back down Rosedale and resume your trip, turning right onto River Road. River Road will take you to Tualatin Valley Highway 8 / 10th Avenue. Turning left onto this road will take you back to Main Street and downtown.

A Tucked Away Treasure

One very well preserved schoolhouse we could not feature on this tour (because it is on private property and maintained by a private foundation) was the Carlon/Mulloy Schoolhouse. But we can share these lovely pictures!



CARLON/MULLOY SCHOOLHOUSE
STATUS: Deep on Private Property







IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER PIONEER SCHOOLHOUSES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, please let us know! And remember, if you email in a picture of you with a pioneer schoolhouse, you will be automatically entered into the t-shirt drawing at the next GATES launch party!*

*Never fear! If you live in an area with no pioneer schoolhouses, please feel free to use a picture of your favorite old school building!

Schoolhouse Safari Bingo

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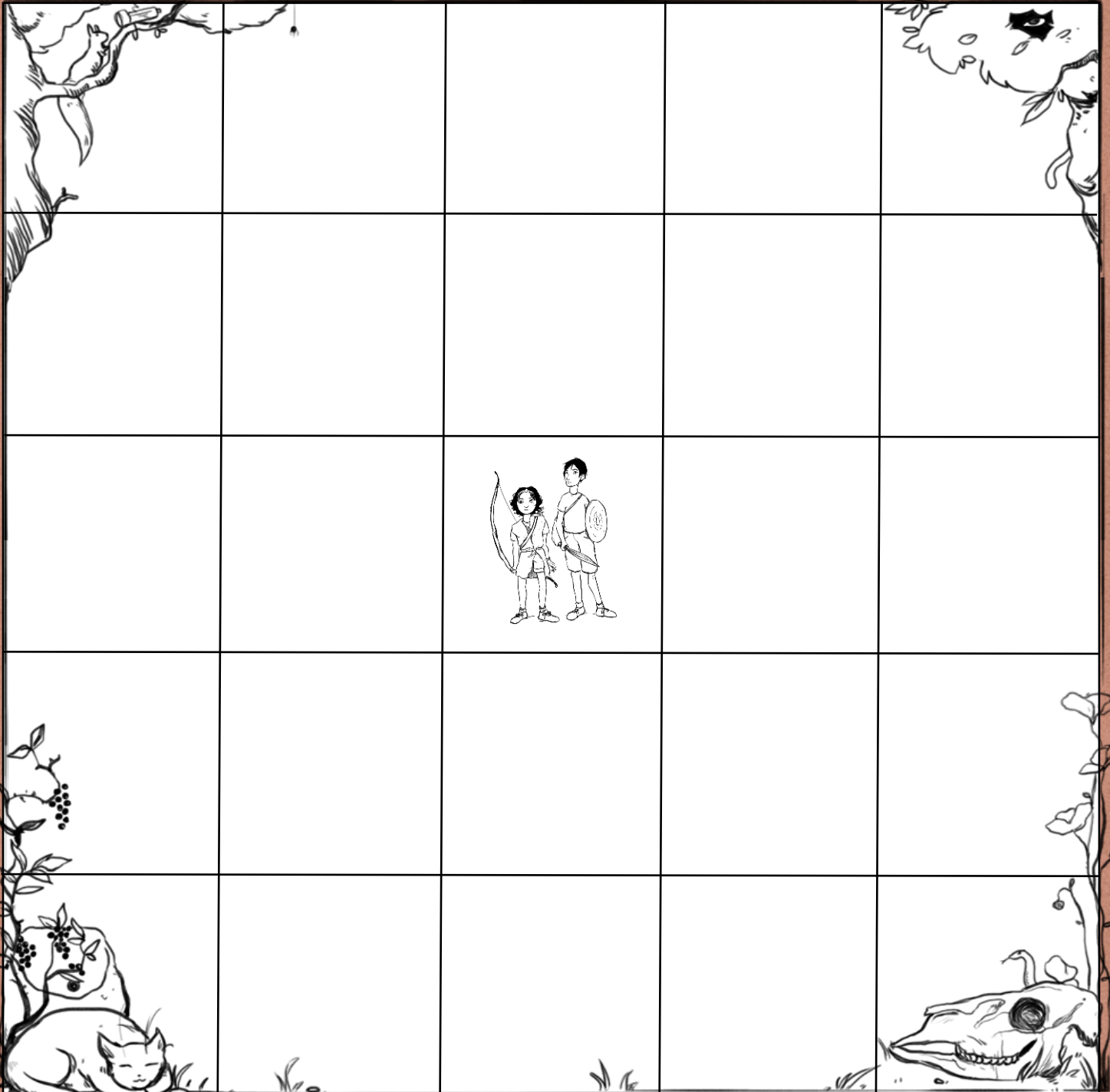
Make the drive even more exciting! Print out a sheet for everyone in the car and call out items as you see them! My family likes to play for blackout. (I buy a small handful of taffy from The Artfull Garden before we leave downtown Hillsboro to use for prizes!)

 <p>TRAIN BRIDGE</p>	WETLANDS	ABANDONED BARN	CREEK	 <p>COW</p>
BERRY FIELD	QUILT BARN	FRUIT STAND	DINER	ROAD NAMED AFTER PIONEER TOWN
ABANDONED HOUSE	RAILROAD CROSSING		CENTURY FARM	RED-TAILED HAWK
 <p>ORCHARD</p>	ALPACA	GRAVEYARD	PIONEER CHURCH	ANTIQUA TRACTOR
 <p>SCHOOL HOUSE</p>	OUTDOOR ART	WINDMILL	OAK TREE	 <p>HORSE</p>

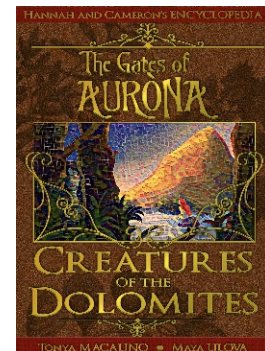
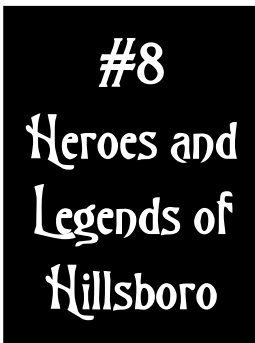
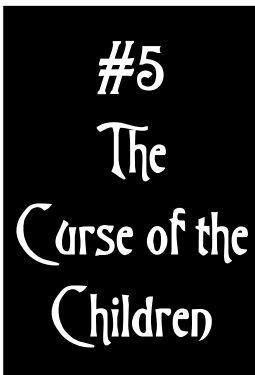
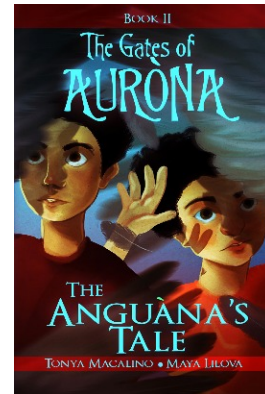
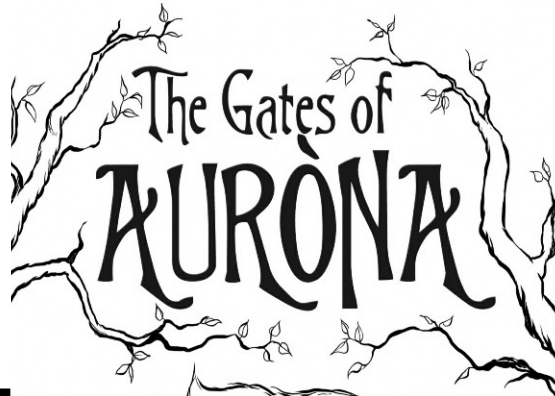
Schoolhouse Safari Bingo

YOUR COUNTY!

If the Washington County version doesn't work for your drive—or if you just want to exercise your creativity—use this blank to make your own travel bingo sheets. To kick start your list consider: types of road signs, cars, buildings, animals, businesses, and farms. Now hit the road and have fun!



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