

Meet the new Van Ness

Use this scavenger hunt to explore the new Van Ness Avenue. Use both the internet and visits to Van Ness Avenue to solve the clues (Hint: check out [SFMTA.com/VanNess](https://www.sfmta.com/VanNess)). Use Muni to get from place to place. Some of the clues take you to businesses. While no purchase or entry is necessary to solve the clues, we do encourage you to support our Van Ness Avenue merchants.

Clues for Scavenger Hunt!

- 1.** This Buddhist temple has been on Van Ness for over 30 years. Find the temple and take a photo of it. For bonus points, identify the language on the sign in front.
- 2.** This charming cafe shares a name with a novella written by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Name that novella and cafe. For bonus points, ask the owner why the cafe was named this.
- 3.** Feel like climbing up some walls? You can do that in a building that was once the home of the Firestone Tire Company. This building was built in 1913 along the historic Van Ness auto row. Step away and unwind with a fun climb!
- 4.** There are four different species of new trees on Van Ness. These plants will provide fresh air and shade on a hot summer day. Can you identify all four by walking along the corridor?
- 5.** These vibrant sphere shaped objects are artwork made to light up and keep Van Ness shining throughout the night. The sculpture is by Jorge Pardo and is located between Geary and O'Farrell on Van Ness. How many spheres are there?
- 6.** This civic landmark has the tallest dome in the country! What is the landmark and how tall is the dome? This place is open to the public during visiting hours and is quite a magical place to visit.
- 7.** This independently owned bookstore company can trace its history back to 1851. Visit the Van Ness location and expand your knowledge with a book today.



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Submit your completed scavenger hunt to VanNessBRT@SFMTA.com by April 11 for the chance to win a prize! All complete and correct submissions will be entered in a random drawing to receive a grand prize from Books Inc. on Van Ness. Additionally, the first 10 people to turn in a completed submission will receive loaded Clipper cards.

8. In 1888, Tsar Alexander III of Russia donated five bells to this location. What location is it and how many bells are there today? Why did the Tsar donate these bells?

9. Looking to join a band? Try your luck at this famous restaurant where Metallica asked Jason Newsted to join them as their bassist. Might as well get some buffalo stew while you're there too.

10. This building, built in 1909, is a beaux-art treasure with thirty-five foot ceilings, and 22 turn-of-the-century teardrop chandeliers. This multiuse events venue can have up to 700 people in the theater.

11. This Afghan restaurant's owner pulls double-duty as a Muni operator. Which restaurant is this?

12. Believe it or not, Van Ness is also a highway! What is the name of this national highway?

13. This immersive light show exhibit demonstrates 90 million pixels of art by a famous Dutch impressionist painter. Here you can learn more about the artist that created 2,100 artworks within a decade.

14. This scavenger hunt has 14 questions because the 14R Mission bus line is the only rapid line that maintained service during the early days of the pandemic. Now that almost all Muni service has been restored, which of Muni's Rapid lines intersect with the Van Ness BRT corridor?



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