



WEST BADEN SPRINGS  
HOTEL  
**SCAVENGER  
HUNT**

The West Baden Springs Hotel is truly a one-of-a-kind place. It's hard to imagine that this hotel is more than 120 years old and it's nearly impossible to believe it was built in less than one year. Over its lifetime, the hotel had different owners and wasn't always used as a hotel. It has experienced good times and bad, but here you see the West Baden Springs Hotel at its best.

This scavenger hunt is designed to highlight our fascinating history while you also discover hidden treasures along the way. We hope you will spend an hour exploring and learning more about the West Baden Springs Hotel.



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Start in the lobby. Lee Sinclair's wife has a room named after her. It is just off the lobby.

1. What was her name, according to the room plaque?  
  
*Continue toward the Atrium and you will walk over the next answer if you're not careful.*

2. What company laid the marble tile floor in the Atrium in 1917? What city and state was it from?

*Continue into the Atrium and proceed through the Mineral Baths exit. Veer left to the eight large pictures on the wall.*

3. There is a cylinder at the top of the dome that the trusses are riveted into. It is known as the drum. What are painted on the interior walls of the hidden room inside the drum?

*Walk back into the Atrium and find the information about the enormous Rookwood fireplace. Here you will find the answer to question No. 4.*

4. The "mascot" of this hotel and its mineral water was a gnome-like character. He can be seen on the fireplace, the entry arches and throughout the town of West Baden Springs. What was his name? (Fun fact: His name also translates to "sparkling water" in German.)

*Now proceed toward the valet entrance and look closely at the words above it.*

5. What is unusual about the spelling of the words at the golf "course" exit?

*Continue through this exit and turn right at the corridor. Along the wall you will find a picture that will help you answer question No. 6. (If you get to Ballard's Bar, you've gone too far.)*

6. During World War I, the hotel was leased to the United States Army for something other than a hotel. What was it used for during parts of 1918 and 1919?

*Now, head back toward the valet entrance. Continue down the hallway passing Mitchell's Jewelry and Siebert's on the left and then enter the West Baden Springs Hotel Museum. Here you will find the answers to question Nos. 7-11.*

7. Inside the museum, find the original name for the town of West Baden Springs. (You will find this near the pictures of the first hotel era.)

8. In what year was the first West Baden Springs Hotel destroyed by fire?

9. The Sinclairs had one child, a daughter, to whom we owe a lot of credit for the way the Atrium looks today. What was her first name?

10. The Sinclair family is often pictured with a faithful dog. What was his name? What was his breed?

11. There was a large two-story bicycle and pony track built on the grounds southeast of the garden in 1896. It contained a track on the upper and lower levels plus a baseball field and three tennis courts in the center. It was destroyed as the result of a windstorm in what year?  
**Bonus:** By what was it referred to as? (When this hunt takes you outside, find the name etched in the bridge along the creek that connects the garden to East Park.)

*You are now finished with the questions inside the hotel. Weather permitting, please use the Mineral Springs exit of the Atrium to go outside. Here you will find the remaining answers to this hunt.*

12. Walk to the roundabout in the driveway. A fountain was once located in the center of the Atrium and then moved outside to form the roundabout. What animal was once perched in the center of the fountain before it became a planter? (Watch carefully as you cross the brick driveway and check out the walking tour sign for the answer.)

13. Next, walk into the garden and go inside the Hygeia Spring House on the right side of the walkway. What is its geometrical shape?

14. Visit the fountain in the sunken garden for this question. There are amphibians and reptiles spraying water at each other. What are the amphibians? What are the reptiles?

15. Last, head to the columned open-air spring house. What Greek god is this spring named after? (The walking tour sign in front of it may be helpful. This god is also one of the statues in the Atrium.)

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2. Cincinnati  
3. Sprudel  
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5. "U" instead of "A"  
6. See  
7. Cassini Mosaic Tile Co.  
8. Lick  
9. Army Hospital No. 35  
10. Rex/Collier  
11. Bonus: Ball Park  
12. Apollo  
13. Frogs/Turtles  
14. 1901  
15. Lillian  
16. Angels  
17. See  
18. Hygeia  
19. Amphibians: Frogs, Toads  
20. Reptiles: Snakes, Lizards  
21. Greek god: Pan  
22. Windstorm: 1913  
23. Bicycle and pony track: 1896  
24. Name etched in bridge: East Park  
25. Name of creek: East Park Creek