

GROUNDHOG DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

“Rise and shine, campers, and don’t forget your booties, ‘cuz it’s cooold out there today!” If you love *Groundhog Day* the movie, or just the idea that there’s a Groundhog Day at all, then visit the Garden this Saturday as our own groundhog mascot, Botanical Bill, explores the Garden.

Bring your smartphone and hunt around the Regenstein Center for the answers to the questions below—get 5 of the 10 correct and you’ve earned a **cup of hot cocoa** at the café, plus a d.i.y. **photo op with Botanical Bill** at the Information Desk where he’s hanging out!



1. An exhibit called Woodcut would sound good to a woodchuck — which, along with “whistle pig,” is another common name for a groundhog. Botanical Bill brought his name tag along on his adventure, which starts at the Woodcut exhibit. **What material makes up the exhibit’s title?**



6. Groundhogs dig burrows that are 2 to 5 feet deep and extend up to 30 feet long! Foxes, snakes, raccoons, and rabbits often re-use old groundhog burrows. Botanical Bill met this fellow burrow maker in the Arid Greenhouse. **What kind of topiary animal is it?**



2. Groundhogs have good eyesight—their eyes are placed high up on their heads, the better to peek out of their burrows while staying mostly hidden. Nonetheless, Botanical Bill used the magnifying glass to get a good look at this tree’s cross section in Woodcut. **What kind of tree was it?**



7. Groundhogs graze on grasses and clovers—but what they really love are vegetables and fruit growing in gardens! Botanical Bill gazes longingly at the just-out-of-reach bananas ripening in the Tropical Greenhouse. **Walk down to the base of the banana plant—what name is on its plant label?**



3. Groundhogs like to stay close to home—they rarely travel more than 1½ mile from their burrow in their entire lives. Botanical Bill sure liked the look of this garden, though, from the In Search of Paradise exhibit in the Krehbiel Gallery. **Where would he have to travel to visit the real thing?**



8. Groundhogs are “edge” creatures that like to live in brushy areas on the edges of forests, in farm fields, or even in landscaped neighborhoods. Botanical Bill is admiring the “meat-eating” plants like Venus Flytraps and sundews in the Temperate Greenhouse. **What plant is hanging in the basket above him?**



4. Groundhogs are rarely seen at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Much like royalty. **What collection of books is Botanical Bill admiring in the Lenhardt Library? (Hint: the collection was put together for fans of a popular television show).**



9. Groundhogs like to sun themselves on rocks, along branches, or on stone walls. Botanical Bill found a sweet spot to catch some sun at “The Sower.” **What year was it installed here? (Hint: Look down for the memorial plaque.)**



5. Groundhogs eat plants—lots of plants—including up to 1½ pounds per day in the summer. Botanical Bill isn’t so sure about these plants in the case in the Arid Greenhouse—they look like rocks! **What kind of plants are they?**



10. Groundhogs aren’t big water drinkers—they get their water from rain and dew on the plants and fruit they eat, instead. While Botanical Bill’s relaxing with a mug of water in the café, answer this question: **What was the name of Bill Murray’s character in *Groundhog Day*?**

Now scamper over to the Information Desk with your answers. It’s Groundhog Day! Don’t forget to take your picture with Botanical Bill and post it on our Facebook Page!