

# 12 MONTHS OF MERRIAM CHALLENGE

The **12 Months of Merriam Challenge** is a unique and fun activity aimed to encourage residents and visitors to explore the diverse attractions and cultural offerings in Merriam. Each month, participants are challenged to discover something new and engaging within the city.

### To play along:

1. Complete each challenge within its given month to win a prize.
2. Share your picture or video on Instagram or Facebook.
3. Tag **@ExploreMerriam**
4. Add the hashtag **#exploremerriamchallenge**

**Explore Merriam Socials**  
  **@exploremerriam**



**1**  
**CULINARY JANUARY**

Begin the year by sampling the city's foodie favorites. Try a new restaurant or sample a new menu item from your tried-and-true favorites.



**2**  
**ARTISTIC FEBRUARY**

Discover Merriam's art scene. Attend the monthly exhibits at the Tim Murphy Art Gallery or discover public art throughout the city. Visit [exploremerriam.com/art](http://exploremerriam.com/art) for a list of locations featuring different art pieces across Merriam.



**3**  
**HISTORIC MARCH**

Learn about Merriam's rich history. Use the Otocast app to explore digitally or stop by Merriam Historic Plaza for a history walk on the outdoor path.



**4**  
**OUTDOOR APRIL**

Embrace the beauty of spring. Explore Merriam's parks, take a nature hike, or go for a bike ride along the Turkey Creek Streamway Trail.



**5**  
**FAMILY MAY**

Spend quality time with family. Visit Merriam's family-friendly attractions like the Merriam Community Center, a local park or playground, or join the fun at the Turkey Creek Festival on the third Saturday in May.



**6**  
**SIZZLIN' SUMMER JUNE**

Kick off summer with a dip in the pool, a backyard BBQ, outdoor event, or an ice cream date with friends.



**7**  
**FARMERS' MARKET JULY**

Support local farmers and artisans at the Merriam Farmers' Market. Discover fresh produce and unique handmade goods each Saturday, May through September.



**8**  
**MUSICAL AUGUST**

Enjoy music in Merriam. Attend outdoor concerts or sample the live music in local establishments. Concert in the Courtyard is the perfect spot to listen some great tunes!



**9**  
**SHOPPING SEPTEMBER**

Support the community by shopping locally while discovering Made-in-Merriam products.



**10**  
**SEASONAL OCTOBER**

Watch a sunset, take a fall stroll to watch the changing leaves, or get into the Halloween spirit and explore spooky-themed local events.



**11**  
**KNOWLEDGE NOVEMBER**

Expand your learning – attend a lecture, workshop, or educational event in Merriam. Many opportunities exist at Merriam Plaza Library and the Merriam Community Center.



**12**  
**HOLIDAY DECEMBER**

Prepare for the holiday season. Attend tree lighting ceremonies, holiday markets, and festive gatherings, or drive through the neighborhoods in search of the perfectly decorated holiday home.