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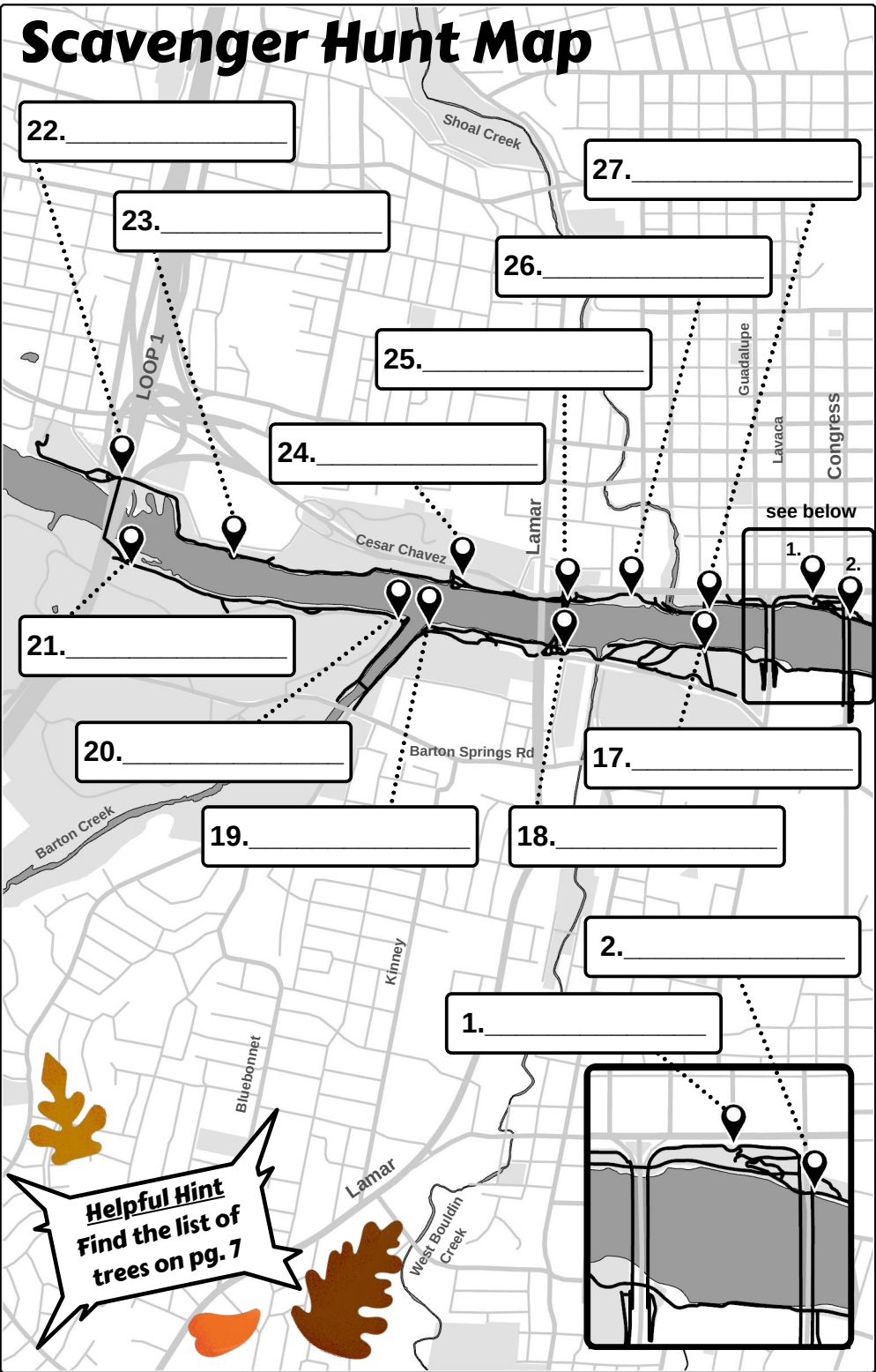
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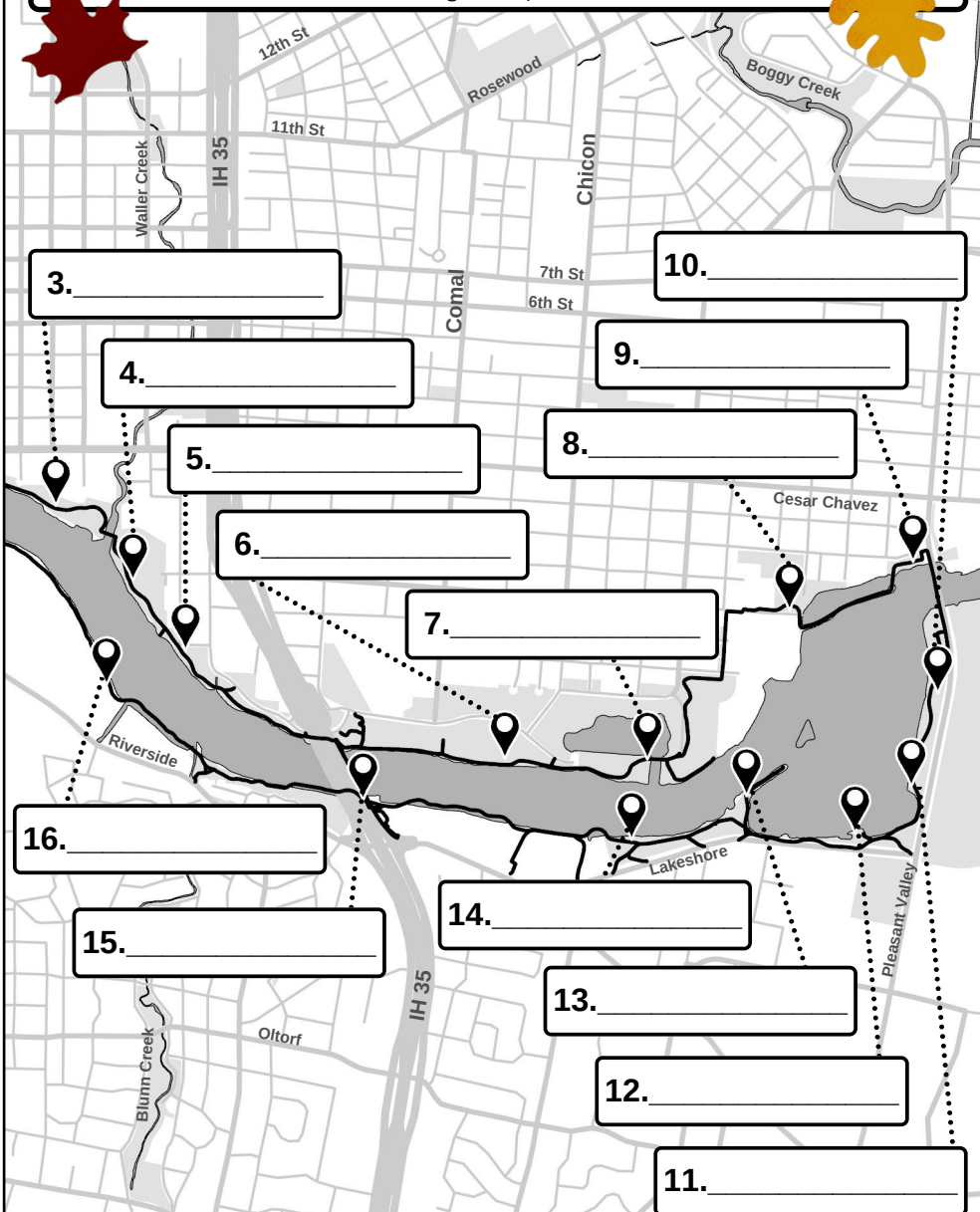
Step 1: Grab a pencil

Step 2: Use this guide to visit locations and follow the clues to a tree

Step 3: Write the name of that tree in the spaces provided on the map

Step 4: Once complete, take a picture and submit to

hello@thetrailfoundation.org for a prize!



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Our mission is to protect, enhance, and connect the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake for the benefit of all.



Locations and Clues



1

BUFORD TOWER

You are at Buford Tower, built in 1930 as a drill tower for the fire department, but is now a bell tower named after the fire department captain James Buford.

CLUE

East of the tower you will find the entrance to a path leading down to the Trail. Follow that path until it comes to a "T". Directly across the trail you will see a very bushy tree. This is your tree!



2

CONGRESS AVE BAT VIEWING PLATFORM

You are at the Congress Bat Viewing Platform, a project built by The Trail Foundation.

The platform provides views of the famous Congress Ave Mexican free-tailed bats, the largest urban bat colony in the world, estimated at 1.5 million.

CLUE

Find the circle of names along the perimeter of the platform. Locate the text "completed 2018". Stand with your back to the water and the Congress bridge on your left. Look directly across the Trail to the first tree growing above the retaining wall. That's your tree!



3

BRAZOS BLUFF

Welcome to Brazos Bluff, a green infrastructure project constructed by The Trail Foundation to reduce erosion, protect heritage trees, and increase habitat through native plantings.

CLUE

Walk onto the wooden deck and stand in the gap between the benches. Face the water and notice 3 large trees between the deck and the Trail. Find the tree in the middle.



4

RAMOS PLAZA @ THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

"Una Canción de Fe Y Familia" ("A Song of Faith and Family")

is a part of the Trail of Tejano Music Legends, a project commemorating Austin's Latino music legends from the 1940s and 50s. This sculpture honors the deep musical traditions and cultural contributions of the Perez and Ramos families.

CLUE

Find the interpretative sign and stand facing the sculpture. Turn 90 degrees to your left and find the bushy tree just left of the fire hydrant. That's your tree!



5

MIRÓ RIVERA RESTROOM

You are at the Miró Rivera Restroom, an award winning structure designed by renowned

architecture firm Miró Rivera and built by The Trail Foundation in 2007.

CLUE

Once you arrive at the restroom, travel east on the Trail (towards I-35). Stop at the first tree on your left. This is your tree!



6

EDWARD RENDON SR METRO PARK @ FESTIVAL BEACH

You have arrived at "Tenderly," a sculpture within the Trail of

Tejano Legends that honors Nash Hernandez, a legendary orchestra leader and trumpeter. The name comes from the song Hernandez played at the end of each performance dedicated to his wife Minnie.

CLUE

When you arrive, locate the interpretive sign. While facing the sign and the statue, turn 90 degrees to your right and you will see your tree.



7 STEEL BRIDGE @ FESTIVAL BEACH

This bridge, constructed from steel and wood, passes over the inlet to the Festival Beach lagoon.



Come to the west side of the bridge (the side closer to I35). With your back to the bridge, walk ~ 30 paces and you will see a green bench on your right. Sit at the bench and turn to your right to find your tree.



8 KIDS ADOPT-A-GARDEN @ METZ RECREATION CENTER

You are at the Kids Adopt-A-Garden, a community space

for child-led gardening facilitated by The Trail Foundation and the Metz Recreation Center. This is also the site of "La Quinceanera" a mural by Fidencio Duran, an award winning painter and muralist based in Austin.

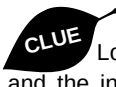


Once you arrive at the site, walk up to the mural wall and position yourself in front of the dancers at ~ 5 ft from the wall. While facing the mural, turn 90 degrees to your left and you will see your tree!



9 ROY MONTELONGO SCENIC OVERLOOK

You have arrived at "¡Estamos en Tejas!" The structure was erected as part of the Trail of Tejano Legends and memorializes the life and musical accomplishments of Roy Montelongo, including his popular radio show- ¡Estamos en Tejas!



Locate the entrance to the overlook and the interpretative sign. While facing the sign, look slightly right and find the tree between the overlook and the water fountain. This is your tree!



10 LONGHORN SHORES

Just south of the Longhorn Dam, the power lines running through this section of the Trail are adorned with the inspiring "Hope" mural.



Locate the side of the electrical tower with the "Hope" mural. While facing the mural, approximately 10 ft from its base, turn 90 degrees left and you will see your tree!



11 LONGHORN POINT

You are at Longhorn Point, a green infrastructure project constructed by The Trail Foundation in 2017.

The shoreline was reinforced and heavily planted to provide users with a restored connection to nature and the water.



Come down to the water access point and sit on the limestone blocks directly across from the wide step down into the water. Turn around 180 degrees and you will see your tree!



12 LAKESHORE PARK

You have arrived at Cypress Cove scenic overlook! One of the best kept secrets on the Trail, this special place is a

fantastic location for a peaceful picnic.



Travel off the main trail down to the little overlook. There you will find a memorial bench dedicated to Gary Selken. Sit on the bench and locate the two-trunk tree growing at the edge of the water. This is your tree.



13 GAZEBO @ PEACE POINT

Welcome to the Peace Point peninsula!



Head out onto the peninsula towards peace point. You will first come to a gazebo in your right. From there, you will be able to see another gazebo at the end of the peninsula. Half way between the two structures look for a tree that has a dramatic curve in its trunk and a tree tag 6613 - that's your tree!



14 LAKESHORE TRAILHEAD

You have arrived at Lakeshore Trailhead, a park space providing lots of

amenities including workout equipment, fishing pier, amphitheater and restrooms.



When you arrive at the trailhead, locate the workout equipment and towards the pier. As you cross onto the pier, look to your left and see your tree!



15 THE BOARDWALK

You are on the Boardwalk! This project was completed in 2014 and closed the 1.1 mile gap in the 10 mile loop around Lady Bird Lake.



When you arrive under I35 find the drinking fountain. While facing the fountain, with the concrete wall on your left, look over the limestone retaining wall and locate the tree growing in the corner. There is your tree!



16 BOARDWALK WEST ENTRANCE

Welcome to the Boardwalk! As you travel along the Trail, learn about the unique

geology and biology of Lady Bird Lake by stopping at the interpretive signs. Also read classic song lyrics inscribed in the bronze belts of the public art installation "Belting It Out," by San Antonio sculptor Ken Little.



Travel west and cross the threshold of the boardwalk. Find the first tree on your right. This is your tree!



17 STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN

You are at the Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial statue. This statue was created in 1993 by Argos Foundry and installed in

1994 in memory of the famous Austin musician. It is a popular tourist attraction and typically has flowers and other devotions at its base.



When you arrive at Stevie's statue, follow his "shadow" toward the water until you arrive at the plaque. Move to your right along the limestone wall until you get to the corner. Face the water and you will see your tree!



18 S PFLUGER BRIDGE

You are at "Between the Bridges," a lovely landscape enhancement constructed by

The Trail Foundation to improve the parkland around the south end of the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge.



Locate the the water fountain. get a quick drink, and head west on the trail, approaching the Pfluger bridge from below. Right before you pass under, look to your left and find a small multi trunk tree growing right next to the bridge and just above the first limestone retaining wall. This is your tree.



19 BUTLER POINT

You have arrived at Butler Point, a scenic lookout at the confluence of Barton Creek and Lady Bird Lake.



Locate the bench that looks out onto the water. With your back to the water and facing the bench you will see an enormous tree located across the Trail. This is your tree!



20 LOU NEFF POINT

Lou Neff served alongside Lady Bird Johnson on the Town Lake Beautification Committee in the 1970s.

His namesake overlook is one of the most popular views in the city.



Locate the plaque next to the drinking fountain that reads "A GIFT OF LOVE...". With your back to the sign, facing the limestone terraces, locate the seam in the concrete that leads across the Trail. STOP and look both ways before advancing! Follow the seam above the limestone blocks to find a shiny-leaved, evergreen tree.

**21****ZILKER BLUFF BERMS**

You are at the Zilker Bluff Berms. Installed in 2006, The Trail Foundation completed a major planting to provide a

vegetated buffer between Trail users and the sunny parking lot.



Travel east on the Trail from the Mopac parking lot. Stop at the first bench on your right. Facing the bench, look to the left and find a small tree with shaggy bark. This is your tree!

**22****JOHNSON CREEK TRAILHEAD**

Welcome to Johnson Creek Trailhead! This trailhead is one of the most popular access point to the Butler Trail and also the location of "The Rock," a well loved meeting place and informal lost-and-found.



When you arrive, locate the entrance to the Roberta Crenshaw bridge. As you approach the entrance you will see two plaques fixed to limestone. Identify the placard on the right. directly behind it you will find your tree!

**23****NORTHSHORE OVERLOOK**

Located just east of the Texas Rowing Center, Northshore Overlook was restored in

2006 into a much-used lakefront resting spot popular with Trail users. In 2019, the overlook was further restored into a rain garden and certified monarch habitat.



Locate the steel butterfly sign at the edge of the rain garden. Face the lake and look through the butterfly cutout to locate a bench facing the water. Go sit at the bench and turn 90 degrees to your left. This is your tree.

**24****HERON CREEK RESTROOM**

Heron Creek restroom was constructed by The Trail Foundation in 2016 to meet the

demands of Trail users.



Facing the Heron creek restroom, turn to the left and follow the small trail leading west from the facility. You will see a tall coniferous tree growing 20-30 ft away. This is your tree.

**25****PFLUGER CIRCLE**

You are at the Pfluger Bridge Circle, designed by Ten Eck and funded in part by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.



Locate the metal grate in the middle of Pfluger circle and face the water fountain. just left of the fountain you will find your tree.

**26****SEAHOLM INTAKE**

The Seaholm Intake is an iconic Art Deco building, once the pump house for the City-owned retired power plant, built in the 1950's



Stand facing the large garage door of the building. Turn 90 degrees to your right and find the tree with 4 large branches extending from a massive central trunk. This is your tree!

**27****SHOAL CREEK PENINSULA**

The city built the peninsula in the 1960s to channel Shoal Creek water downstream of the Seaholm Power plant to prevent turbid flood waters from inundating the Seaholm structures.



Travel towards the end of the peninsula and stop when you arrive at the small foot bridge. Notice the spot where the concrete surface transitions to gravel and stand there facing the end of the peninsula. With the small foot bridge back and to your left turn left 90 degrees. This is your tree!

TREES OF THE TRAIL

NAME	Flower Color	Tree Height	Evergreen (Y/N)
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Althea	pink	9'-6'	No
American Elm	green-red	60'-80'	No
Anacacho Orchid	white	6'-12'	No
Anacua	white	20'-45'	Yes
Bald Cypress	brown	50'-75'	No
Black willow	yellow-green	10'-60'	No
Box Elder	light green	35'-50'	No
Burr Oak	yellow-green	60'-100'	No
Cedar Elm	green	50'-70'	No
Chinquapin Oak	yellow-green	40'-60'	No
Cottonwood	red/yellow	60'-100	No
Crape Myrtle	multiple	20'-30'	No
Desert Willow	purple/dark pink	15'-40'	No
Hackberry	yellow-green	60'-80'	No
Live Oak	yellow	40'-80'	No
Loblolly Pine	yellow/purple	60'-110'	Yes
Mesquite	yellow	20'-30'	No
Mexican Olive	white	30'	Yes
Mountain Laurel	purple	10'-15'	Yes
Pecan	yellow-green	70'-100'	No
Redbud	pink	15'-30'	No
Sweet Acacia	orange-gold	15'	No
Sycamore	green/red	75'-100'	No
Texas Ash	green/purple	30'-45'	No
Texas Kidneywood	white	10'	No
Tree Tobacco	yellow	25'	No