

**TEXAS  
HERITAGE  
TRAIL**



Boy Scouts of America



Capitol Area Council



## **TRAIL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. There should be at least one adult for each 10 hikers. A group must have an adult leader at all times on the trail. The Boy Scouts of America policy requires two adult leaders on all Scout trips and tours.
  2. Groups should stay together while on the hike. (Large groups may be divided into several groups.)
  3. Upon completion of the trail the group leader should send an Application for Trail Awards with the required fee for each hiker to the Capitol Area Council Center. (Only one patch for each participant.) The awards will be mailed or furnished as requested by the group leader.
- Note: All of Part One must be hiked and all points (1-15) must be visited. Part Two is optional.



## **HIKER REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, or other civic youth group may hike the trail.
2. Meet all Trail requirements while on the hike.
3. The correct Scout uniform should be worn while on the trail. Some article (T-shirt, armband, etc) should identify other groups.
4. Each hiker must visit the historical sites, participate in all of his/her group's activities, and answer the "On the Trail Quiz" to the satisfaction of his/her leader.

### **Other places of interest you may wish to visit are:**

Zilker Park and Barton Springs  
Elisabet Ney Museum  
Hike and Bike Trail  
Camp Mabry  
Lake Travis  
Lake Austin

Barton Springs Road  
304 E. 34<sup>th</sup>. Street  
along Town Lake  
38<sup>th</sup>. Street  
FM #620  
FM # 2222

## **ACCOMODATIONS:**

**McKinney Falls State Park**, 5805 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin, TX 78744, tel. 512/243-1643. Entrance fee. Wheeled camper, tent sites, group screened shelters and primitive tent areas, fee. Swim-lake, surfaced bicycle trails, picnicking, grills, park naturalist, nature trails.

**Emma Long Metropolitan Park**, City Park Road, Austin Parks Dept., Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767, tel. 512/346-1831. Entrance fee. Wheeled camper sites and other camp area, fee. Swim-lake, big sandy beach; fish, trail bike area w/permit.

**Barton Springs (Zilker Park)**; located near downtown Austin. Overnight camping is **NOT** permitted but the 485-acre park is Austin's largest and offers a beautiful setting for picnics. Tables and fire pits are available. Swim in the constant 68° F. spring-fed Barton Springs Pool, a favorite local swimming hole for about 10,000 years. Tel. 512/476-9044 for pool and tel. 512/499-6700 for the park.

## **RELIGIOUS SERVICES:**

All denominations and faiths can be found within a short walking distance of the Capitol grounds in downtown Austin. Consult the phone directory for your church or synagogue preference.

## **EATING:**

There are numerous restaurants close to the trail. Popular "fast food" restaurants can be found along the west side of the University of Texas campus along Guadalupe St.

## **REMINDERS:**

Securing a "Parent's Release of Responsibility" is a part of the National Tour Permit.

Awards are not given until the participant has completed the trail requirements.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** Dial 911.

## **AUSTIN CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU:**

201 E. 2<sup>ND</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701

512/478-0098

## The Texas Heritage Trail

The Texas Heritage Trail is divided into two parts. Part One tells the early history of this great state and is required to earn this trail award. Part Two emphasizes its recent history and is optional. To allow sufficient time to enjoy and appreciate its significance, it is recommended that each part be hiked on separate days.

### Part One

- ❑ The trail starts at the foot of Congress Avenue on the west side just north of the Congress Avenue Bridge. At this location you will find a marker telling of the War Between the States **(1)**. Also at this corner is a display of the classic grid for the original city plan of 1839, an illustrated 1889 layout and a 1989 aerial view of Austin. Congress Avenue is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 1984 that listing took on even deeper meaning when mastodon bones were uncovered during excavation at a construction site in the 300 block. The unearthed bones indicate prehistoric elephants roamed here around ten thousand years ago.
- ❑ Go north on Congress Avenue and turn right onto 5<sup>th</sup> St. toward Neches St. At 409 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. (Brush Park) is the O. Henry Home and Museum. **(2)** William Sidney Porter, the man who became famous under the pen name O. Henry, lived in this 1886 Queen Anne-style cottage from 1893 to 1895. In the Museum you can see the desk where he wrote his best-known story, “The Gift of the Magi.”
- ❑ Return to Congress Ave. by way of Sixth St. Observe the restoration of many nineteenth-century buildings including the famous Driskill Hotel. On the east side, at 713 Congress, you will find a marker that tells of the Republic of Texas **(3)**. This is the address for the Paramount Theater, one of the nation’s most beautifully detailed historic performing arts theaters.
- ❑ Continue on Congress to the north side of Eighth St. and turn west. Up the hill at 124 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. is the location of the first capitol of the Republic of Texas (three markers) **(4)**.
- ❑ Backtrack to Congress Avenue. Travel on the west side north to the southwest corner of Eleventh and Congress. Here, next to the Old Bakery (1876), you will find the preserved ruins of a building used as a temporary Capitol of Texas **(5)**.
- ❑ To the south of the ruins you will discover a path of red brick leading west toward a fine old mansion with white columns. Follow the red brick path to the mansion that has been the residence of every Texas governor since 1856. Enjoy the gardens and tour the first floor of the

mansion **(6)**. Tours open 10 AM to 12 Noon, Monday through Friday except state holidays. Call 512/463-5518

- ❑ Return to Congress Ave., turn north and enter the Capitol grounds. Tour the centerpiece of Austin, the Capitol Building (1888) which was modeled after the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. Free Capitol tours are given every 15 minutes, seven days a week. **(7)**.
- ❑ While at the Capitol Complex explore the grounds and learn about our heroes. In the northwest section of the Capitol Grounds is a replica of the Statue of Liberty, erected in 1951 by the Boy Scouts of America. A message in a time capsule was buried at the base of the statue. Read the plaque to find when Scouts will be opening the capsule. **(8)**.
- ❑ At the southeast corner of the capitol complex you will find the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library, 1201 Brazos St. Here you will view some of the state's most important documents and collections **(9)**.
- ❑ Your trail turns east along Eleventh St. Read the street signs you will find the names of the rivers of East Texas. They are in the order that you would encounter them if you were to travel East across Texas. Turn north on Trinity. At the inter-section with Twelfth St. is Waterloo Park **(10)**. This is a good site for a picnic lunch.
- ❑ Backtrack to Eleventh St. South of the street, standing 165 feet high, you will see a wonder of the 1890's **(11)**. This tower and 30 like it were installed in 1895 to "bathe" Austin in "moonlight" 365 nights a year. These towers are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Seventeen towers are located throughout Austin and are the only surviving and functioning lighting towers in the nation.
- ❑ Continue east and you will come to Red River St. Here you will find many fine old buildings being used as a center for culture – Symphony Square **(12)**.
- ❑ Carefully cross Interstate 35 eastward on 11<sup>th</sup> St. You will soon be out of the original plotted township of Austin. Take a slight left onto Rosewood Ave. Turn left onto Angelina St. The George Washington Carver Museum is on the right at 1165 Angelina. This one-room building (1926) once served as Austin's first public library. The library was later remodeled and renamed for the well-known African-American educator, George Washington Carver. **(13)** The museum opened in 1980 and is the first local African-American history museum in Texas.
- ❑ Journey south on Angelina back to 11<sup>th</sup> St. Cross 11<sup>th</sup> St. to the Texas State Cemetery – "*The Arlington of Texas.*" The cemetery is the resting place of Stephen F. Austin and other

Texas heroes **(14)**. Enter with reverence and please be mindful of cemetery etiquette, being careful to walk between and around gravesites.

❑ Exit to the west onto Navasota Street. Travel south to 9<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right and proceed to San Marcos. To your left, at 802 San Marcos you will find the French Legation. Tour Austin's oldest known building, built in 1841 by the French Charge d' Affaires to the Republic of Texas. It was the only foreign diplomatic post of the Republic of Texas. **(15)**. Tour opens 1 to 5 PM Tuesday through Sunday

The first part of your journey is finished. During this short day, you have walked only five miles. You have also journeyed through nearly a century and a half of a heritage of a great state and her people. Part two follows.

### **Part Two**

Your journey over the second part of the trail starts at the north entrance to the capitol grounds (Fourteenth and Congress Ave.) You are in the midst of a complex of buildings that house many of the agencies of the State of Texas.

Follow Congress north to the intersection with Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. If you were watchful you found the names of more of the Honored People of Texas and saw many fine buildings. Turn west on MLK Jr. Blvd. and travel to University Ave.

❑ Follow University north to Twenty-First St. Guarding the entrance to the south mall of the University of Texas is the Littlefield Memorial Fountain, erected in 1932 as a memorial to the students who were in World War I. **(16)**

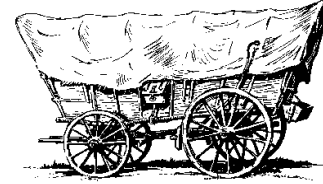
❑ Continue northward along the south mall of the University to the Texas Tower. Enjoy the campus at your leisure. **(17)** From the Texas Tower a mall leads you east to a street named for the battle that won Texas her Independence, San Jacinto.

❑ Look to the right, across San Jacinto, and you will see the home of the Texas Longhorns - Royal-Memorial Stadium. **(18)**

❑ Turn north at the intersection with Trinity and you will find the Texas Memorial Museum. **(19)** Here you will find many interesting exhibits relating to early Texas history. A small building to the north of the museum entrance contains examples of dinosaur trackways imprinted 105 million years ago near present day Glen Rose, Texas.

☐ Return to Twenty-third St. and look east. As you walk along 23<sup>rd</sup> St. toward the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, (20) reflect upon what you have learned about a great State and look forward to what you are about to learn about a Great Nation. You have reached Trail's end.

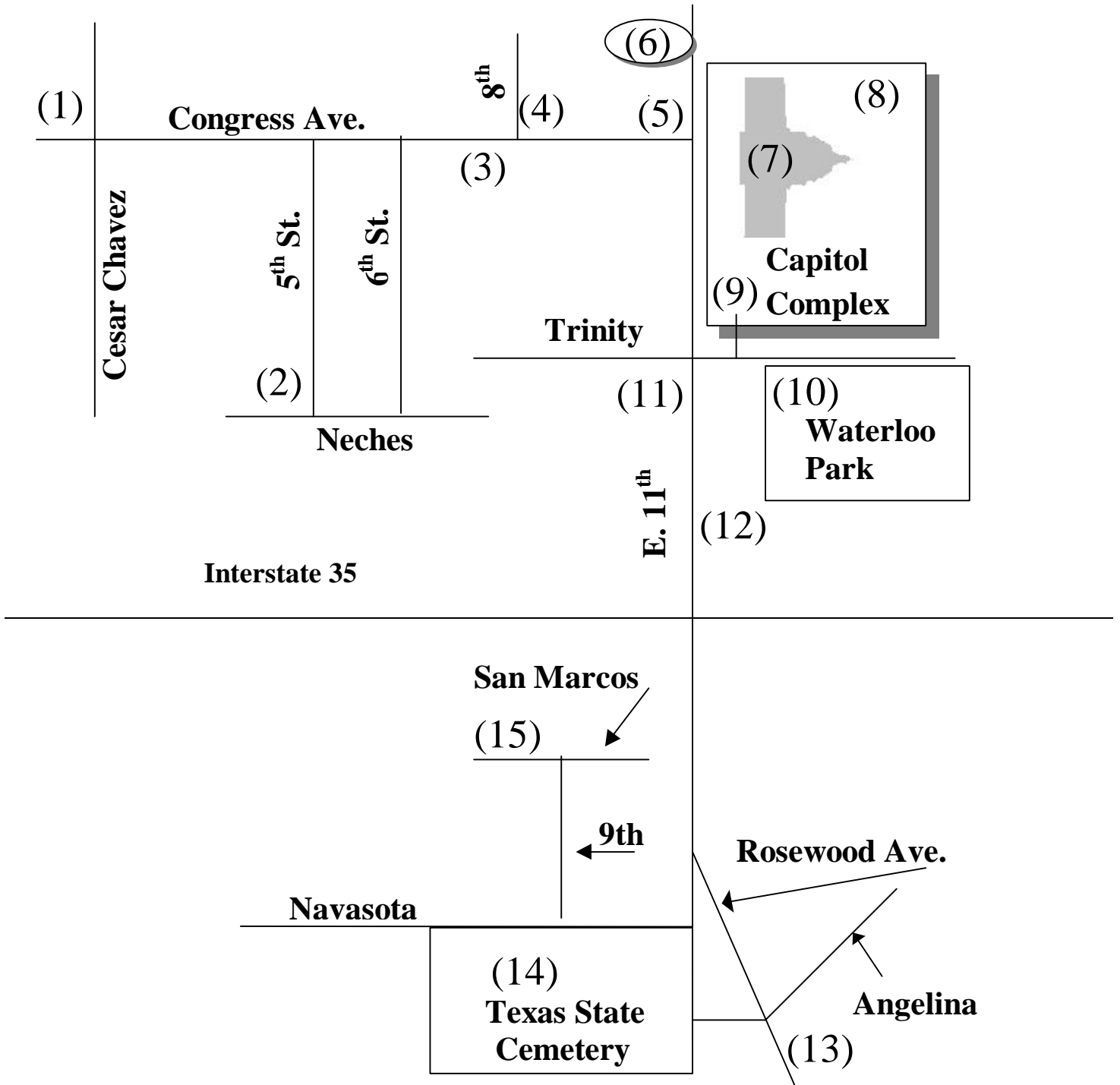
**MAP KEY - PART ONE**



- (1) Marker describing Austin during the Civil War.
- (2) Brush Park, O. Henry Home and Museum, 409 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- (3) Historical marker, marks the site of the offices of the War and Adjutant General's Departments, the Republic of Texas. (1839)
- (4) Historical markers, mark the site of the first capitol of the Republic of Texas and the State of Texas. (1839-1853)
- (5) Temporary Capitol, foundation ruins and historical marker. (1882-1888)
- (6) The Governor's Mansion, 1010 Colorado.
- (7) State Capitol building, 11<sup>th</sup> and Congress.
- (8) Statue of Liberty, erected in 1951 by the Boy Scouts of America.
- (9) Lorenzo De Zavala State Archives & Library, 1201 Brazos.
- (10) Waterloo Park
- (11) Moonlight Tower
- (12) Symphony Square cultural center.
- (13) George Washington Carver Museum – 1165 Angelina.
- (14) Texas State Cemetery – “The Arlington of Texas”
- (15) French Legation – 802 San Marcos St.

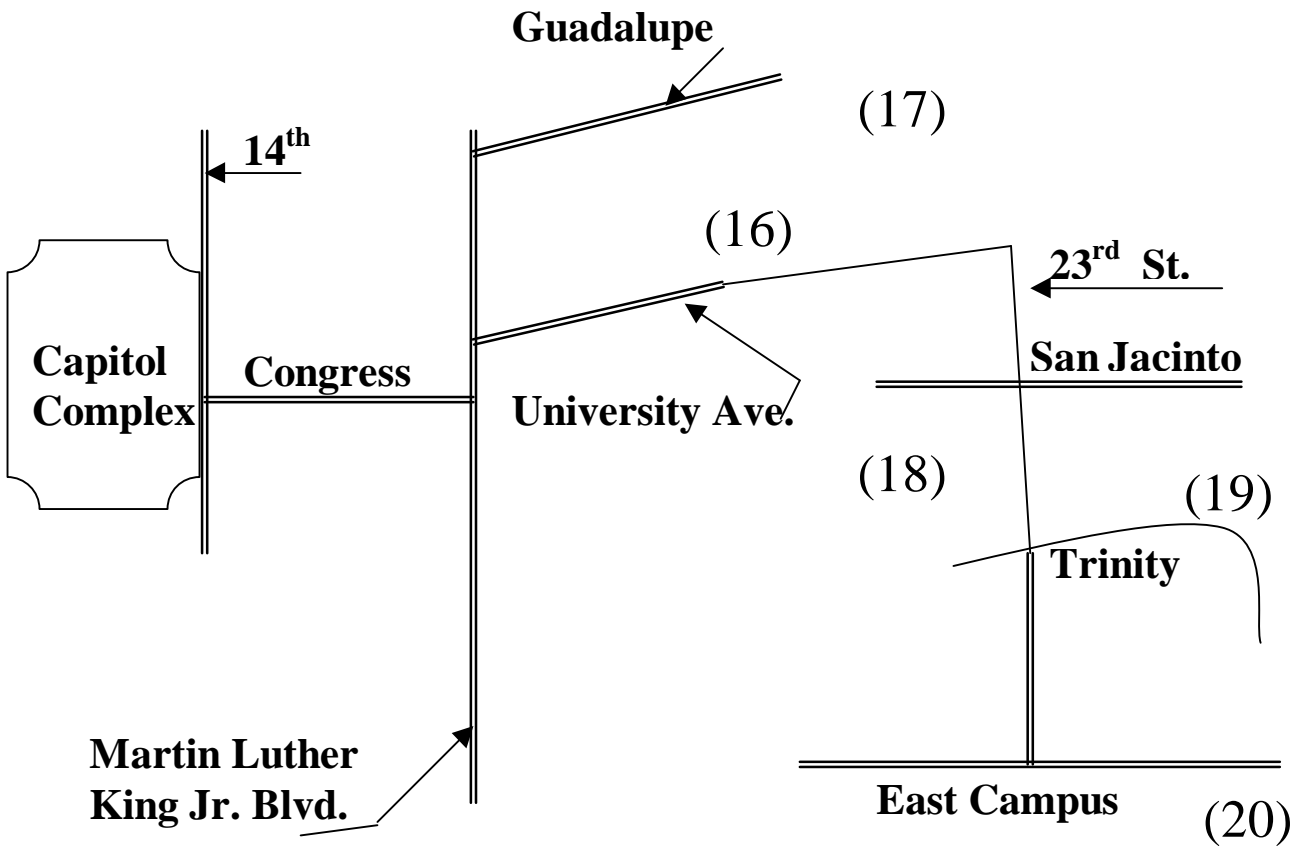


**PART ONE**





**PART TWO**



**MAP KEY – PART TWO**

- (16) Littlefield Memorial Fountain, W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. & University Ave.
- (17) The Tower at The University of Texas Campus
- (18) Royal-Memorial Stadium, home of the Texas Longhorns
- (19) Texas Memorial Museum, 2400 Trinity
- (20) The Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum, 2313 Red River

**Texas Heritage Trail Quiz**  
**Capitol Area Council**

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ river runs through the city of Austin.
2. The first capitol building was at the site of the present \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Old Bakery stands next to the ruins of the building used as the temporary \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest building in the Capitol complex. It was built in 1856. The wood in its pillars and the interior wood are cedar that was brought from Bastrop, Texas by wagon.
5. On the Capitol grounds, locate the monument relating to Scouting. Did you find the plaque marking the site of the Bicentennial time capsule? When will it be opened? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. List the four statues or memorials on the Capitol grounds that impressed you the most.
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
7. How high is the Capitol Dome? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What material makes up the exterior walls of the State Capitol? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where was it quarried? \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the Father of Texas. His is one of two statues standing in the lobby of the Capitol. The statues are of Italian marble and were sculpted by \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first woman governor of the State of Texas.

11. Twelve names are memorialized in terrazzo on the floor of the South entrance foyer. These names represent significant \_\_\_\_\_ fought on Texas soil.
12. What does the “F” in Stephen F. Austin stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
13. A composite terrazzo design of the “Seals of the Nations” is in the center of the rotunda floor. List the nations represented by the six seals:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which two battles in Texas history are depicted by the two immense paintings on the back wall of the Senate chamber \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Encased behind the speaker’s rostrum in the House of Representatives is the original flag from the 1836 battle of \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. Four men served as President of the Republic of Texas and their portraits are displayed in the Capitol. Who was the last President to serve the Republic?  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Austin’s first public library was a small one-room frame building (1926-1933.) Housed in this remodeled and renamed library is a museum that pays tribute to the well-known African American educator: \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Locate the grave of a lady famous in the fight for Texas Independence. What is her name? \_\_\_\_\_. Her Lone Star Flag was flown at what famous battleground? \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The oldest known building in the city served as the only foreign embassy of the Republic of Texas. What is the name of that building? \_\_\_\_\_
20. “Texas” comes from the Hasinai Indian word “tejas,” which means: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: All questions must be answered**



## ***Some Texas Trivia***

**State Pledge:** Honor the Texas Flag.  
I pledge allegiance to thee,  
Texas, one and indivisible.

**State Motto:** Friendship

**State Mammal:** Longhorn

**State Dish:** Chili

**State Nickname:** The Lone Star State

**“Texas”** comes from the Hasinai Indian word **“tejas,”**  
which means friends or allies.



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**NOTES:**

**TRAIL EVALUATION**

1. Were the directions and maps clear, easy to follow and useful to you?
  
  2. Did you find the trail interesting?
  
  3. Were there any points of interest that should be added? Deleted?
  
  4. Comments and/or suggestions:
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### Application for Awards

*Mail or deliver to:*

**Capitol Area Council, BSA  
7540 Ed Bluestein Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78723-2399**

**Telephone 926-6363 or  
1-800-444-1910**

Our unit has completed the Texas Heritage Trail and satisfied all the requirements to earn this award.

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ awards at \$ 2. 00 each. (Scouts \_\_\_\_\_, Adults\_\_\_\_\_)

Total remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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