



**Texas  
Heritage  
Trail**

# The Texas Heritage Trail

The Texas Heritage Trail is divided into two parts. Part One tells the early history of this great state. 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

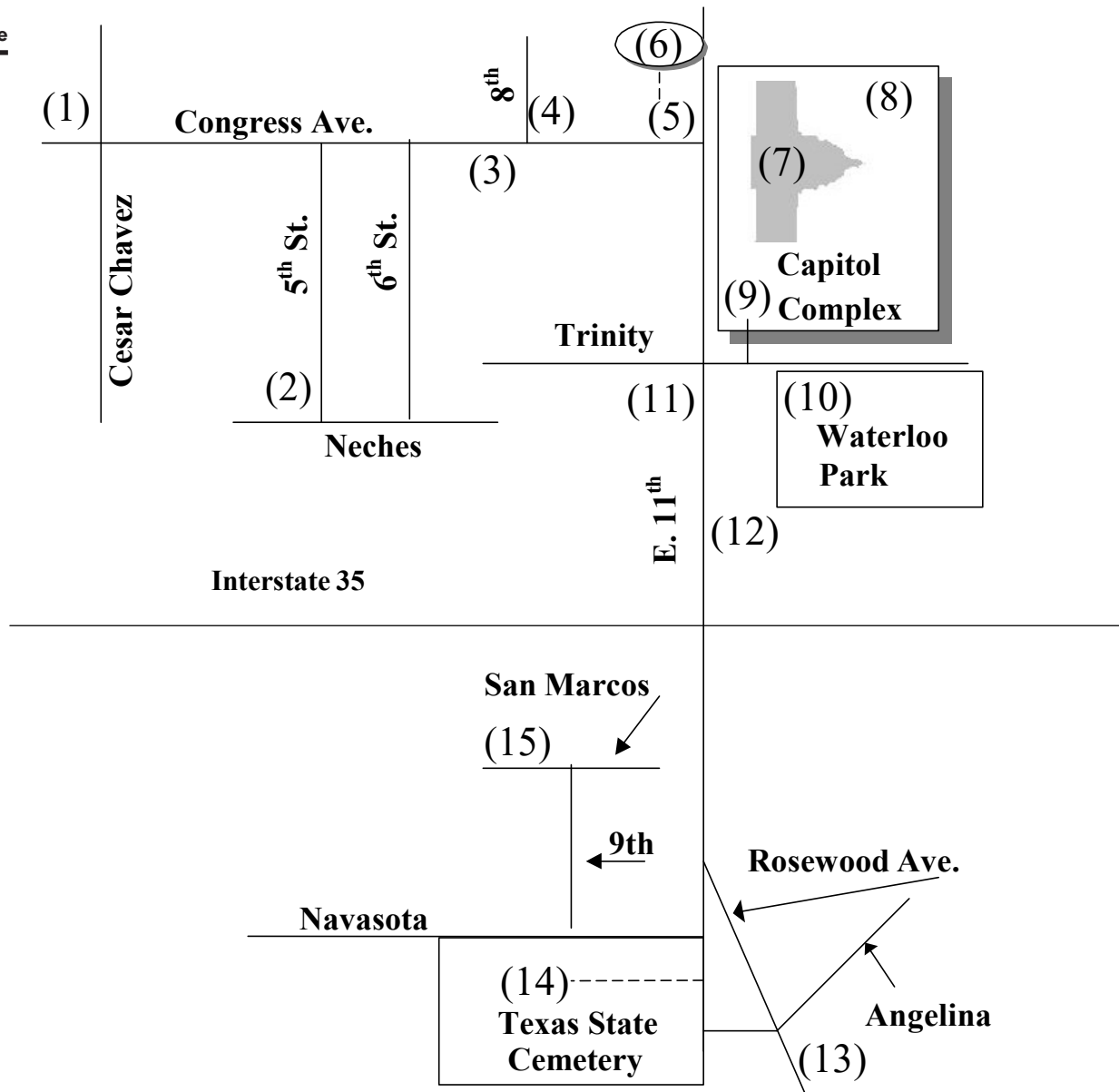
- The trail starts at the foot of Congress Avenue on the west side just north of the Congress Avenue Bridge. At this location you will find a marker telling of the War Between the States (1). Also at this corner is a display of the classic grid for the original city plan of 1839, an illustrated 1889 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 5th St. toward Neches St. At 409 E. 5th 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. 8th 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, Tuesday through Thursday except state holidays.
- 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.
- While at the Capitol Complex explore the grounds and learn about our heroes.
- 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).

## Part One

- 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 11th 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 11th St. Cross 11th 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 grave sites.
- Exit to the west onto Navasota Street. Travel south to 9th 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 Friday.

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 One**



**MAP KEY - PART ONE**

1. (Marker describing Austin during the Civil War.
2. Brush Park, O. Henry Home and Museum, 409 E. 5th 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, 11th 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 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.

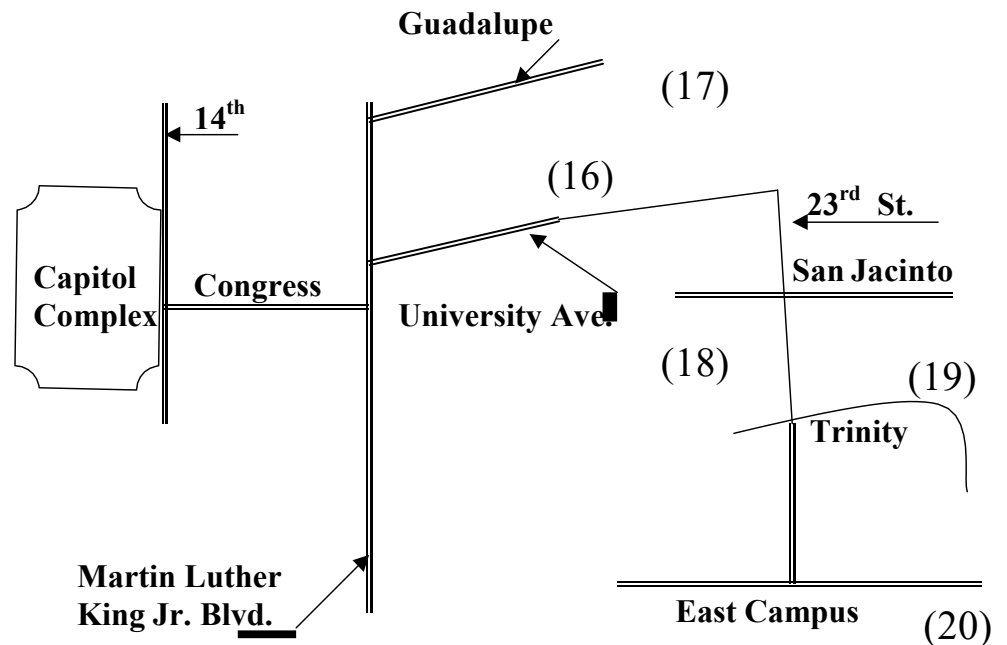
Follow Congress north to the intersection with Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. If you were watchful you found the names of more of the Honored People of Texas and saw many fine buildings. Turn west on MLK Jr. Blvd. and travel to University Ave.

- 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 23rd 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 TWO

16. Littlefield Memorial Fountain, W. 21st 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 Museum, 2313 Red River



# Texas Heritage Trail Quiz

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.
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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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Some Texas Trivia

### State Pledge

Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible.

### State Motto

Friendship

### State Dish

Chili

### State Mammal

Longhorn

### State Nickname

The Lone Star State

### State Flower

Bluebonnet