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## CITY PARK PATCH PROGRAM



## Girl Scout Hiking Trails in New Orleans City Park

### Trail Features



McFadden Cabin



2 Mile - McFadden Cabin Trail



3 Mile - New Trail



5 Mile - City Park Trail

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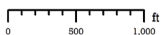
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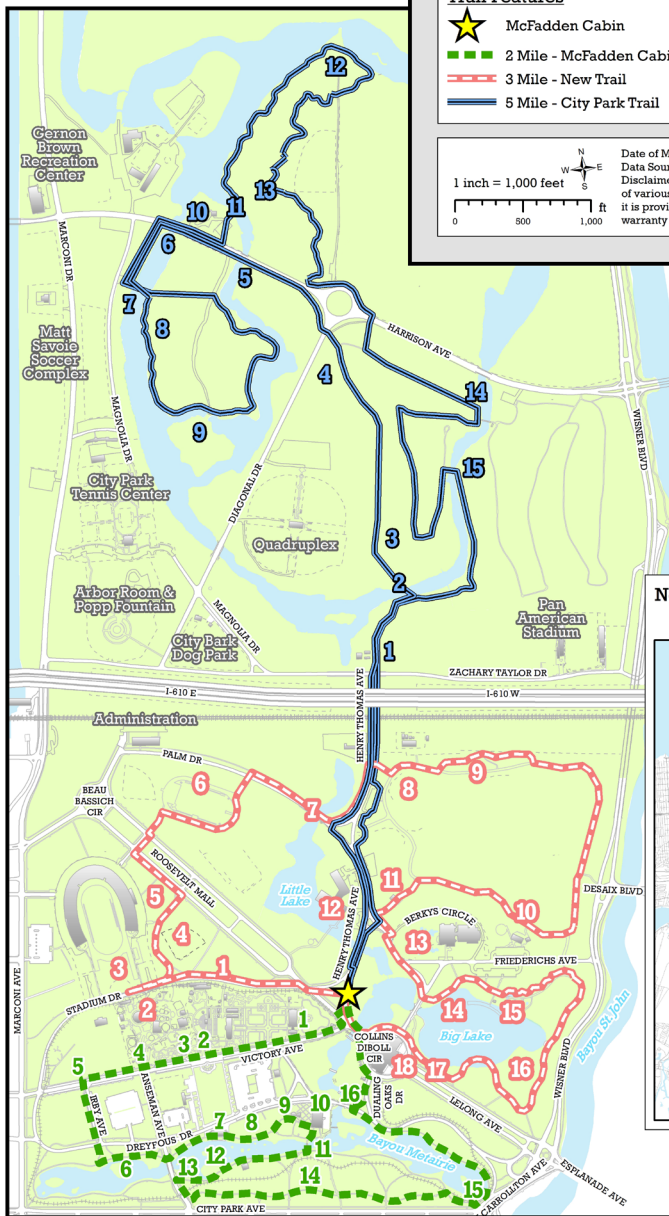
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## New Orleans City Park Located in the City of New Orleans



## 2 MILE - McFADDEN CABIN TRAIL

A stroll through the oldest part of New Orleans City Park. From McFadden Cabin head south and take a right onto Victory Ave. You will notice a beautiful water bearer fountain.

### 1) PAVILION OF THE TWO SISTERS

**Fun Fact:** Modeled after a classic European orangery, the Pavilion of the Two Sisters offers among the most picturesque backdrops in City Park.

**Question:** What is another word for orangery?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) NEW ORLEANS BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Fun Fact:** The NOBG was originally known as the City Park Rose Garden when it opened in 1936. During the Great Depression the Works Progress Administration (WPA) designed the garden for everyone to enjoy and it became New Orleans' first public classical garden. It is one of the few remaining examples of public garden design from the WPA and Art Deco period. Reborn as the NOBG in the early 1980s, today's garden provides a vibrant palette of over 2,000 varieties of plants from all over the world. The 10-acre site contains several themed gardens and centuries-old oak trees. Since the garden is open year-round, visitors can enjoy all of the seasonal splashes of color.

**Question:** What is the State Tree for Louisiana?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) TOLMAS CENTER

**Fun Fact:** Dedicated In 2015, the Oscar J. Tolmas Center serves as the new entrance to both Storyland and the New Orleans Botanical Garden.

**Question:** Notice the beautiful gate, which was designed by an artist from Mexico named Enrique Alferez. He also created some of the sculptures in the Garden and many sculptures around the park. What U.S. state borders Mexico?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_



#### 4) CAROUSEL GARDENS AMUSEMENT PARK

**Fun Fact:** Carousel Gardens puts the “fun” in function, whether you’re hosting a private party, a school outing, a company picnic or other corporate event. With 15 rides available for rental (including the famous antique carousel, the mini train, and Musik Express), this enclosed amusement park is a playground for kids and kids at heart.

**Question:** What animal is included at the top of the Carousel Gardens gate?

**Answer:**\_\_\_\_\_

#### 5) PICNIC AREA AND BLUE PLAYGROUND

**Fun Fact:** Located near shelter one off of Stadium Drive, this playground is great for kids between the ages of five and twelve. Parents will find plenty of benches under the shade of the oak trees here.

Find Irby drive and follow it to

#### 6) PICHOT BRIDGE

**Fun Fact:** There were three stone bridges built in 1902. This bridge is one of them, and was named in memory of Miss Henriette Leonie Pichot, who bequeathed \$192 to the Park in 1901. Water once flowed under the Pichot Bridge until the narrow channel silted over. The piece of land on the other side of the bridge is still called Shell Island even though it is attached to the mainland.

**Question:** How many steps to the top landing at Pichot Bridge

**Answer:**\_\_\_\_\_

Keep the water to your right, cross over Annesman Ave, but keep that name in your memory, you will come to the

#### 7) PERISTYLE

**Fun Fact:** The Peristyle was, quite literally, built for parties – parties with dancing, to be exact. In 1907, architect Paul Andry created this neo-classical open-air pavilion with a colonnade, and the structure has been lovingly maintained over the years through several renovation projects. The Peristyle overlooks picturesque Bayou Metairie.

**Question:** How many lions overlook the water?

**Answer:**\_\_\_\_\_

Keep straight and on your left will be

## 8) STANLEY RAY PLAYGROUND

**Fun Fact:** Located near Popp Bandstand and Cafe du Monde, this playground is a classic playground with slides, swings, and tunnels designed specifically for kids ages two to five. Also nearby: City Park's famous live oaks, where your kids can climb or you can snap a great family photo.

**Question:** What is the age group that the Stanley Ray Playground is designed for?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 9) POPPS BANDSTAND

**Fun Fact:** Popp's Bandstand is a showstopper well-suited for special events. The magnificent, 60-foot-wide fountain was built in 1937 and recently underwent a significant restoration, rendering the fountain area and adjacent brick patio into an ideal setting for events.

**Question:** How many columns support the bronze dome?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 10) CASINO BUILDING

**Fun Fact:** In the early 1900's, the Casino Building was known as a place to relax in style. Refreshments were sold here, and the second floor was used to be the administration office for the Park until another office was built in 1992. On the first floor there's Café Du Monde, a Park gift shop and public restrooms. The café is a traditional coffee shop. Its menu consists of dark roasted Coffee and Chicory, Beignets and café au lait, white and chocolate milk, and fresh squeezed orange juice. The second floor is known as Parkview Terrace, which can be rented for special events.

**Question:** This building is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Center.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Behind the Casino building is a foot traffic bridge of wood and iron, it is not recommended to be crossed, be warned, the island on the other side is sometimes a temporary home to squatters and wild animals!

Cross the stone footbridge called

## 11) LANGLES BRIDGE

**Fun Fact:** Another bridge built in 1902, the picturesque structure was built with the funds from a \$650 bequest of Miss Angele M. Langles. The stones were chosen for their romantic effect.

**Question:** What is the abandoned “house” you see before crossing the bridge?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Turn right going back the direction of the Peristyle as it lies on your right across Bayou Metairie now.

## 12) GOLDFISH ISLAND BRIDGE

**Fun Fact:** The three stone bridges that cross Bayou Metairie turned out to be the most durable kind from the early 1900s. The Pichot, Langles, and Goldfish Bridges survived to this day. In 2013, the Goldfish Bridge received some masonry work when Mr. and Mrs Michael McLoughlin dedicated this bridge to his grandmother, Mrs. Alma Simons, in April 2013.

Continue down to abut do not cross over Anesmann Ave., it is the main entrance to the park from Metairie Road. See the old gnarly tree?

## 13) ANESMAN TREE

**Fun Fact:** This ancient oak was named after Victor Anseman (1842-1904), who is considered the "Father of City Park". Anseman was a retired florist and nurseryman, who devoted the last fifteen years of his life to developing the Park. In 1891, he assembled a group of business and political leaders to form the City Park Improvement Association. This organization continues to watch the Park grow.

**Question:** “Quercus virginiana” is Latin for?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Now with Metairie Road on your right, walk back towards 11 thru the

## 14) HISTORIC OAK GROVE

**Fun Fact:** “On Friday, October 18, City Park’s [Historic Oak Grove] was inducted into the Old-Growth Forest Network. The network, founded in 2011 by Joan Maloof, seeks to preserve now-vulnerable forests, ‘for visitors will be able to experience native forests in their mature diversity and complexity.’ There are 21 states with dedicated forests in this network, and City Park is home to ‘the oldest grove of mature live oak trees in the world.’” -Zach Brien, Mid-City Messenger. What are your feelings about the female statue?

**Question:**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have gotten back to the Langels Bridge, decide if you will cross back over to the Casiono Building and take the traffic bridge in front of it to #16, walking towards the large white building, the Louisiana Museum of Art, passing the sculpture garden on your left, or stay on this side keeping Bayou Metairie on your left as you walk around.

## 15) BAYOU METAIRIE

**Fun Fact:** Louisiana is a sportsman's paradise and City Park in no exception. Bass, catfish, perch and other fish can be found in the park's 11+ miles of lagoons.

**Question:** Is fishing allowed from boats in City Park?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 16) DUELING OAKS

**Fun Fact:** In the first century of civilization (1720-1820), there was not a lot of activity beneath the shade of the already old live oak forest. But the area was far enough removed from the city that gentlemen selected to duel beneath the giant oaks, hence the name Dueling Oaks. One of the Dueling Oaks was destroyed by a hurricane in the 1940's. The remaining one is thought to be 300 years old with a height of 70 feet and a girth of 25 feet.

**Question:** How many Girl Scouts would it take to hold hands and form a circle around the base of the tree?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_



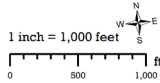
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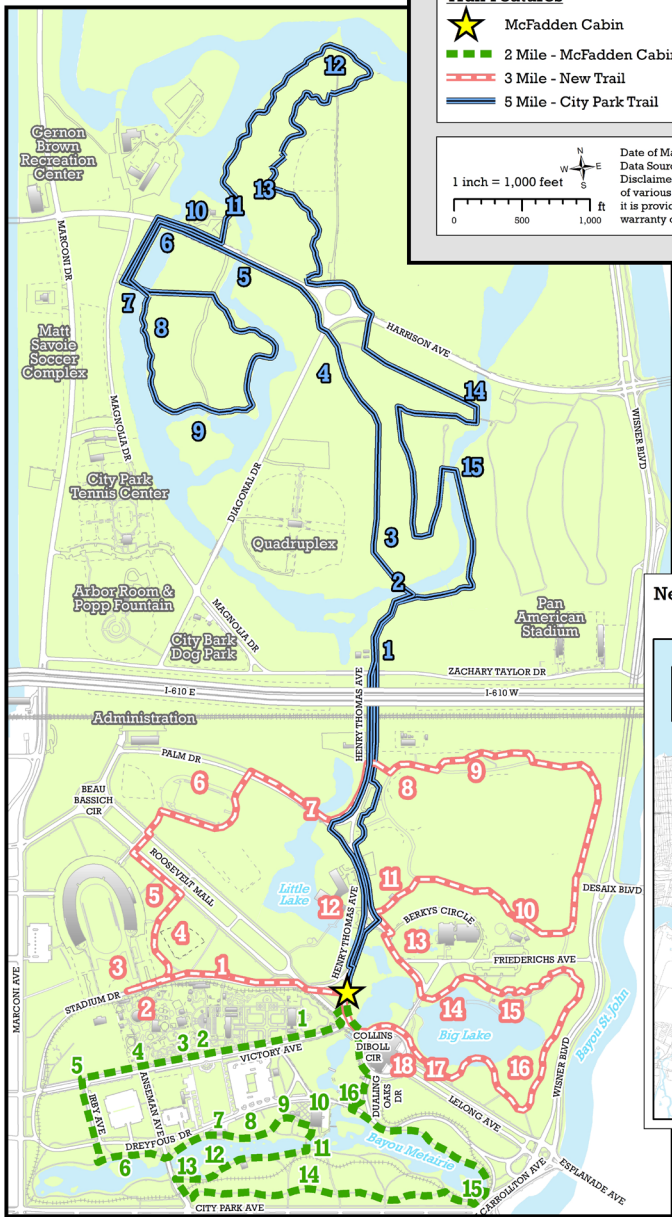
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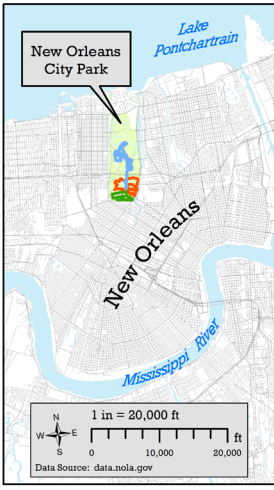
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## 3 MILE - CITY PARK TRAIL

A walk around various recreational fields, open spaces, and museums in City Park.

### 1) FRIENDS OF CITY PARK WORKOUT POD

**Fun Fact:** Friends of City Park (FOCP) is a non-profit organization that was created in 1979 to help City Park raise funding for capital improvements, such as this workout pod. FOCP also contributed to the construction of NOLA Bark, the Goldring/Woldenberg Great Lawn, and City Putt, as well as refurbished Botanical Gardens, the Amusement Park, the Casino Building and Storyland.

**Question:** How many push-ups can you do?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK CAROUSEL

**Fun Fact:** Built in 1906, the Carousel was moved to its current location in 1928. Some of the animal figures were hand-carved in 1885. The horses that move up and down are locally known as the ‘flying horses’.

**Question:** How many different animals can you identify on the Carousel?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) TAD GORMLEY STADIUM

**Fun Fact:** Built in the 1930’s during the Great Depression’s Work Progress Administration. The stadium can seat 26,500 people. Local high schools and colleges use the facility regularly, while major events happen every now and then, such as The Beatles’ concert in 1964, the US Olympic Track & Field Trials in 1992, and the U.S. women’s soccer team vs. Brazil in 2003.

**Question:** What type of event would you want to watch in Tad Gormley Stadium?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your turn around here and cross thru 4) Softball Field #1 over to



## 5) ROOSEVELT MALL

**Fun Fact:** This street was named after President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was in office from 1933-1945. He created The Works Progress Administration (WPA, 1935-1943) which gave jobs to millions of people during the Great Depression (1929-1939). Some of the New Orleans residents who became WPA workers made many of the benches, bridges, and art pieces in City Park.

**Question:** What year was “FDR” elected president?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 6) PRACTICE TRACK

**Fun Fact:** Lane 1 is the innermost lane, which is 400 meters around. Four laps around the track almost equals one mile.

**Question:** How many feet are in one mile?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 7) BRIDGE #1

**Fun Fact:** This bridge on Palm Dr. was built during the Works Progress Association in the 1930s. Five out of the eight WPA bridges were embellished with bas-relief figures. They still embraced the Art Deco aesthetic, which highlighted strong features and simple lines.

You will see the Louisiana Children’s Museum on your right, and McFaddin Cabin is across another bridge to the right, but you will turn left. You will be walking around the Festival Grounds keeping them on your Right

## 8) FESTIVAL GROUNDS

**Fun Fact:** Before the land was a part of City Park, there were plans to turn this 50 acre area into a neighborhood called Bellview. In 1920, the park was able to acquire this land, and decided to expand the original golf course around Big Lake from nine to eighteen holes, which eventually was called the South Course. In early 2005, the South Course finally closed, because there were plans to turn it into open space, and the 60 acres north of Frederichs Avenue was lined up to host festivals.

**Question:** How large is an acre of land?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 9) WETLAND/BIOSWELL

**Fun Fact:** This part of the land was dug out to allow rain water to settle in and give the plants time to soak it up. One of the three drainage pipes in Festival Grounds allows water to come in from the south. Once the water reaches a certain height, it flows into an open pipe on the northern side and heads westward to Orleans Canal.

**Question:** Water in our canals and rivers eventually flow into what large body of water?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 10) REUNION SHELTER & SIR CUMFERENCE PLAYGROUND

**Fun Fact:** The Reunion Shelter was built during the same project that improved the Festival Grounds, in 2012. There are a total of 66 solar panels on the roof. Four years later, the park installed the Sir Cumference Playground next to the shelter.

**Question:** What is the shape of the playground?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 11) FESTIVAL GROUNDS WORKOUT POD

**Question:** How many Jumping Jacks can you do?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 12) LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

**Fun Fact:** The Louisiana Children's Museum used to be on Julia Street in the Warehouse District for more than 30 years. As of 2019, the museum has been in City Park just north of McFadden Cabin.

**Question:**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

McFadden Cabin is straight across the bridge on the right between the Louisiana Children's Museum and the Louisiana Museum of Art, but you are not done yet, turn instead and pass 13 on your Left

## 13) CHRISTIAN BROTHER'S SCHOOL

**Fun Fact:** Christian Brothers School was built in 1910 as a private residence. It was purchased by William McFadden in 1919. In 1920 he added on to it, enhancing its splendor. In 1943 he sold it to City Park. The park presently leases it to the Christian Brother's School.

**Question:** How old is this house?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 14) BIG LAKE

**Fun Fact:** Big Lake spans over 8 acres of surface area. This man-made “lake” was designed in the late 1800s to look like Lake Pontchartrain. In the early 1900s, the first golf course in City Park surrounded the lake. It started with nine holes, and years later became a full course. In 2005, the golf course was closed in order to be redesigned for open space.

**Question:** What does the term “par for the course,” mean?

**Answer:**

## 15) OUTDOOR CLASSROOM & THE LOUISIANA NATURE TRAIL

**Fun Fact:** There is nature all around you!

**Question:** Look around, what nature do you see?**Answer:**

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## 16) THE SINGING OAK

**Fun Fact:** This large oak tree is strung with a set of wind chimes that ring a pen-tatonic (five notes per octave) scale. This musical art installation was designed by artist Jim Hart.

## 17) SEASONAL FLOWER PATCH

For your inspiration! Draw what you feel or just enjoy what you see!

In front of you lies

## 18) NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART

**Fun Fact:** This museum was once called the Delgado Museum of Art. It opened its doors in 1911. The building has expanded over the years and there are two sculpture gardens behind the museum.

Cross the second bridge you come to on the right having passed the Louisiana Museum of Art on your left, and you will be back at McFadden Cabin!

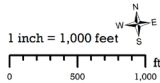
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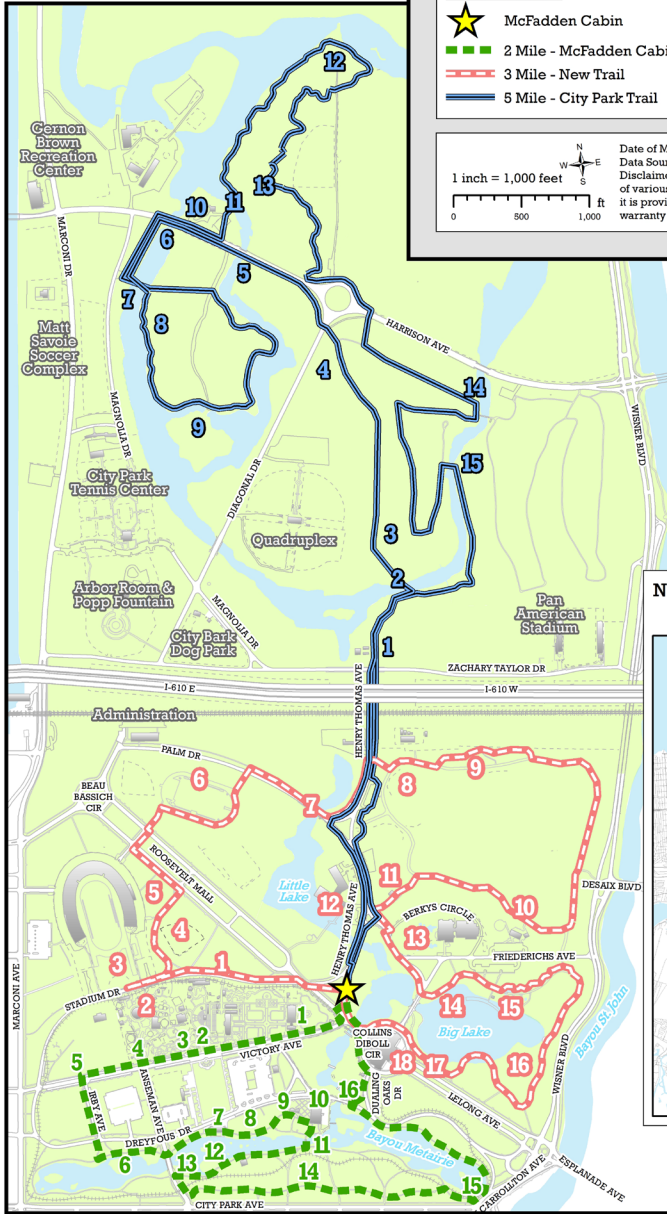
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## 5 MILE - CITY PARK TRAIL

A hike around less developed environments in the Park. Expect this to be 2 hour trek into City Park! Remember your Girl Scout Motto, be Prepared!

### 1) GROW DAT YOUTH FARM

**Fun Fact:** Grow Dat moved to City Park from Hollygrove, in 2012. This eco campus was built and donated by students and staff at the Tulane City Center part of the Tulane School of Architecture. The mission of Grow Dat Youth Farm is to nurture a diverse group of young leaders through the meaningful work of growing food. Volunteers can start at the age of 10.

Walk behind Grow Dat a short way, keep the canal on your left, with the Gro Dat fields on your right until you come to

### 2) WISNER TRACT SOUTH BRIDGE

**Fun Fact:** This bridge is one of three along the old golf course cart path in the Wisner Tract area. The golf course was constructed in the 1930s during the Works Progress Association.

Cross Wisner Tract South Bridge and you will come into

### 3) WISNER TRACT

**Fun Fact:** The Wisner Tract is made up of 106 acres of land. The concrete paths in this area were made for golf carts because Wisner Tract was once a part of the East Golf Course (1937- 2005), but now after Hurricane Katrina, that land is designated for passive recreational activities and natural resources. You will see the softball and soccer fields on your left as you enter into the disc golf course, watch out for flying discs!

### 4) DISC GOLF

**Fun Fact:** The first example of disc golf playing was spotted in 1926. At that time, children in Bladworth, Saskatchewan, Canada played golf using tin plates to play a game of throwing at targets at Bladworth Elementary School. Fence posts and trees were employed as the targets. By the early 1960s, disc golf was beginning to gain popularity in the world. Modern disc golf was introduced at the Canadian Open Frisbee Championships in Toronto in the 1970s.

**Question:** Do you like to throw something to try to hit something else?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_



## 5) BRIDGE #6

**Fun Fact:** After the stock market crashed in 1929, and the Great Depression set in, New Orleans was fortunate to have a large tract of land ready for development because the federal government was looking for projects that would help stimulate the economy. The Park had a list of thirty projects ready for WPA funding, which included "a chain of lagoons with eight new bridges" and the rebuilding of three older bridges. Five of the WPA bridges were embellished with bas-relief figures, but by 1937 funding for projects had dwindled so four of the remaining bridges lacked decorative details. However, they still embraced the Art Deco aesthetic, which highlighted strong features and simple lines. This is one of those bridges built in 1937.

**Question:** On the south side of the bridge, what do you see in the reliefs? (You will have to view the side of the bridge from the south)

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 6) BRIDGE #7

**Fun Fact:** Similar to Bridge #6, this bridge has an Art Deco style with bas-relief and was built in 1937.

**Question:** On the south side of the bridge, what do you see in the relief?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 7) SCOUT ISLAND BRIDGE

## 8) SCOUT ISLAND

**Fun Fact:** The 160+ year-old island incorporates about 50 acres of naturally landscaped property including foreboding woods, surreal lagoons, dark swamps, ancient oak trees and more.

## 9) BIRD ISLAND

**Fun Fact:** Ochsner Island, more commonly known as Bird Island, has been a part of Audubon Park for over a century. Bird Island sits in the center of Audubon Park Lagoon and houses one of the most prominent rookeries in the region. The natural phenomenon of numerous species of wading birds can be seen up close in Audubon Park. Hundreds of birds nest on Bird Island each year—raising chicks and constantly making noise while bickering and begging. Some species of birds found on Bird Island include Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets, Little Blue Heron, Tri-colored heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Double-crested Cormorant and Anhinga.

**Question:** Can you see and identify any birds?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 10) VOLUNTEER CENTER & LOOP OFFICE

**Fun Fact:** LOOP NOLA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide positive, life-changing outdoor experiences for children and youth in Greater New Orleans. LOOP NOLA addresses the lack of opportunity for urban children to experience the outdoors. They are a great partner of Girl Scouts Louisiana East!

**Question:** Have you participated in a LOOP NOLA Girl Scout outdoors workshop? They can assist you in earning a variety of badges!



### **11) COUTURIE FOREST MAIN ENTRANCE BRIDGE**

**Fun Fact:** Couturie Forest, along with Scout Island, forms a 60-acre site filled with trails, native trees, scenic waterways and wildlife in the heart of New Orleans. A 106' x 8' Capstone®-style, Continental® truss bridge from Contech Engineered Solutions was selected as the best solution to provide visitors with a new pedestrian entrance over water and into the forest. The bridge arrived in two 50' sections and was bolted together on-site. The structure was then lowered over the lagoon and into place via crane.

**Question:** Can you spot any water habitat wildlife?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **12) NORTHERNMOST POINT OF COUTURIE FOREST**

**Question:** Can you believe that you are actually in the middle of the City of New Orleans?

### **13) LABORDE MOUNTAIN**

**Fun Fact:** At the top of this hidden feature in Couturie Forest you will find a stone carved map of the area south of Lake Pontchartrain. The "mountain" itself was created with the debris leftover by the construction of Interstate 610 that runs through the Park. It was built during the time Ellis Laborde managed City Park (1950-1978). Before Laborde was the manager, his first task was to clear out the squatters along Bayou St. John and see to the construction of Wisner Blvd. In 1971, he was the first recipient of the Ray Mock Memorial Award for making a significant contribution to the youth of the Greater New Orleans area. He also led the Park as the first public institution in the City to be integrated.

**Question:** Can you find City Park on the stone map?

Make your way back out to Harrison Ave and cross over back onto the disc golf course and find the concrete walkway. The ball golf course can be seen on your left across Harrison Ave. Stay on the path and you will come to

### **14) WISNER TRACT NORTH BRIDGE**

Do not cross this bridge, there is a parking lot on the other side. Continue along the concrete path or take the broken dirt trail along the water's edge, keeping the canal on your left, until you come to the next bridge. Be cautious of wildlife!

### **15) WISNER TRACT MID-WAY BRIDGE**

Cross this bridge and turn right. Again, stay on the concrete or take the broken dirt trail along the water's edge, keeping the canal on your right now and you will find your way back to the Grow Dat Farm fields where you can make your way back to McFaddin Cabin and complete your hike!