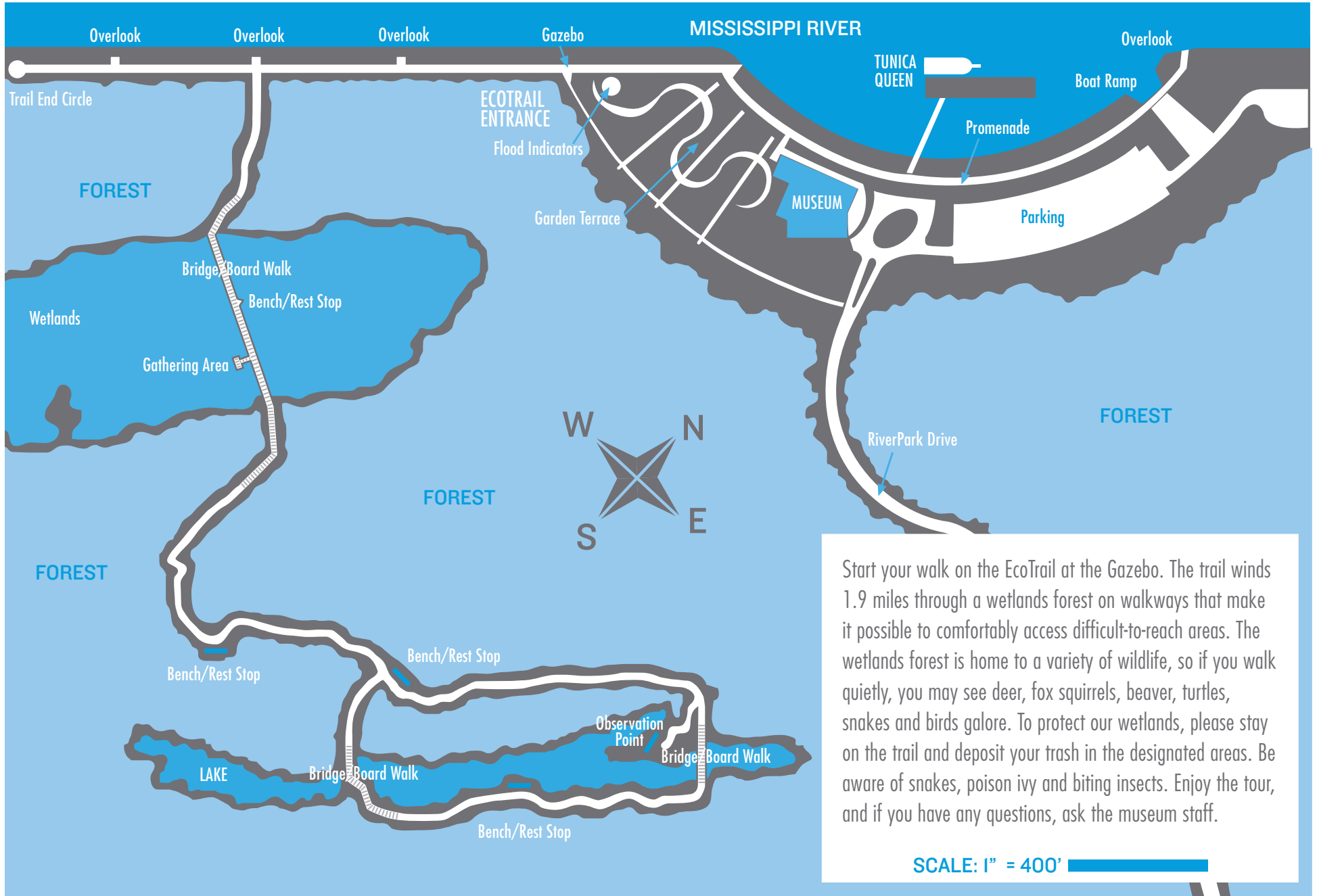


Self-Guided Nature Trail Tour



Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game you can play at the RiverPark! Learn more at www.geocaching.com.



Start your walk on the EcoTrail at the Gazebo. The trail winds 1.9 miles through a wetlands forest on walkways that make it possible to comfortably access difficult-to-reach areas. The wetlands forest is home to a variety of wildlife, so if you walk quietly, you may see deer, fox squirrels, beaver, turtles, snakes and birds galore. To protect our wetlands, please stay on the trail and deposit your trash in the designated areas. Be aware of snakes, poison ivy and biting insects. Enjoy the tour, and if you have any questions, ask the museum staff.

SCALE: 1" = 400'

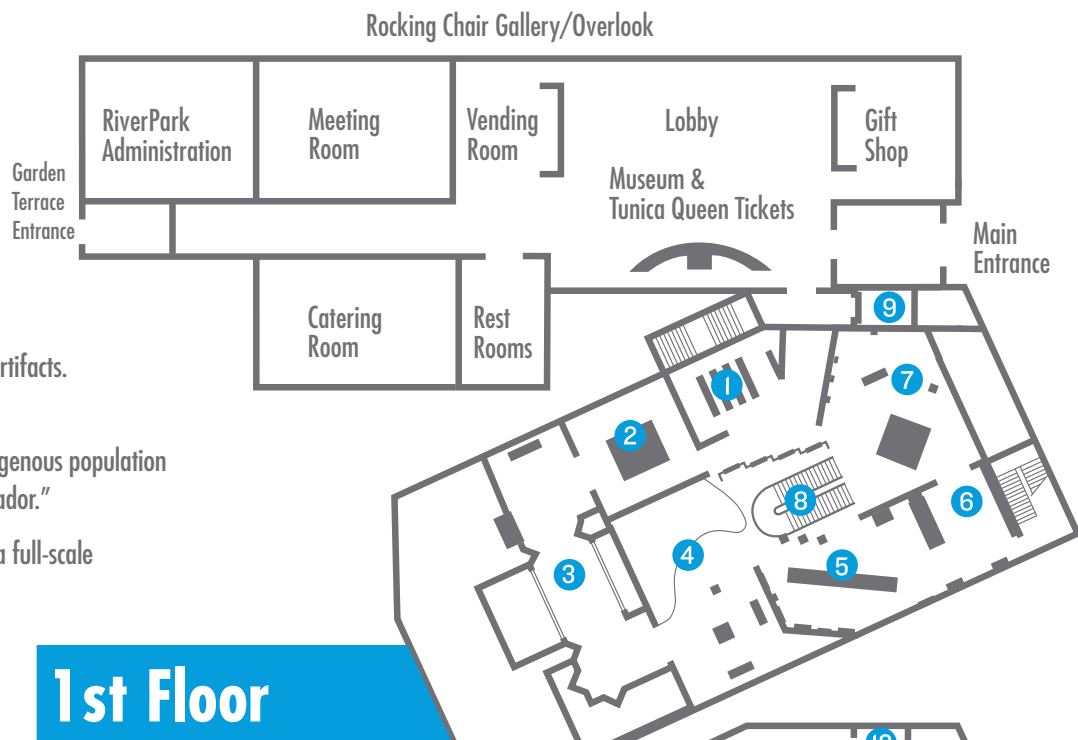
1. **Orientation Theater** — AV: An eight-minute film tells the story of the Mississippi River.
2. **Map Room** — AV: A giant, animated map illustrating the history and geology of the Mississippi. Historic maps line the walls.

3. **Aquariums** — Four huge marine exhibits featuring lowland and aquatic life. Also see the display of 60-million-year-old fish fossils.
4. **Wetlands** — Examples of indigenous wildlife are displayed in a dramatic diorama with tall, sculpted cypress trees that extend to the second level.

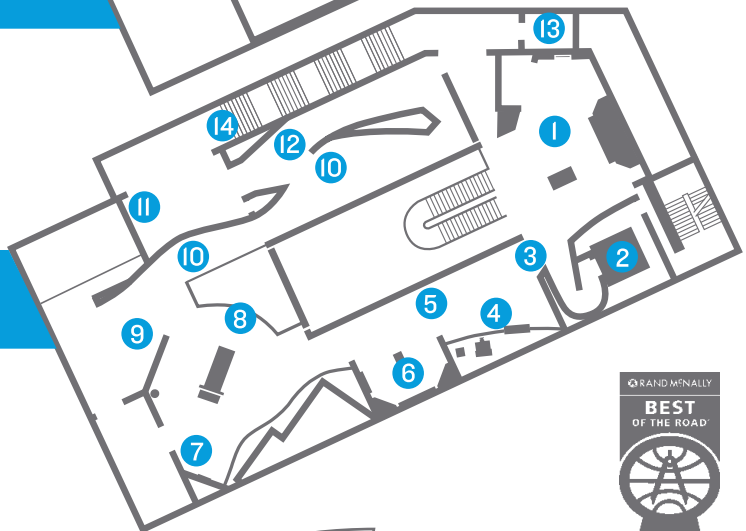
5. **Native Americans** — The “Mound Builders” story features a wonderful array of prehistoric artifacts. AV: The Native Americans, Early Explorers and the Louisiana Purchase.
6. **De Soto & the Conquistadors** — The Spanish incursion had a catastrophic impact on the indigenous population and was disastrous for the invaders as well. Highlight: Full-size figure of “The Tired Conquistador.”
7. **Colonial Settlements & the Louisiana Purchase** — Relics from the early frontier days, and a full-scale model of the Arkansas Outpost and early French settlement.

8. **Stairs to 2nd Floor**
9. **Elevator to 2nd Floor and 3rd Floor Observation Deck**

1. **Steamboats & the 19th Century** — AV: A film entitled “The Golden Age: The Mississippi River in the 19th Century.”
2. **Diving Bell Simulator** — AV: James Eads takes passengers on a simulated journey to the bottom of the River.
3. **Delta Dirt** — A unique illustration of the Delta’s most valuable resource. Core samples compare deep Delta soil to the less fertile soil from other locations.
4. **Civil War** — A full-scale section of an ironclad gunboat, plus artifacts and photos of America’s most devastating war. Features artifacts from the U.S.S. Cairo.
5. **Cotton is King** — Exhibits on the commodity that built the South.
6. **The Mississippi River Commission** — Information on how the River is controlled then and now.
7. **1927 Flood** — AV: A documentary about the Delta disaster that scarred a generation. A full-scale tenant house illustrates the ravages of the 1927 flood.
8. **Corps of Engineers** — A display of different revetment designs and 3-D model of our stretch of the Mississippi River.
9. **The River Today** — AV: Three short stories about the River in modern times: “Big Business,” “The Struggle for Control” and “Recreation.”
10. **Art & the River** — A rotating art gallery of works inspired by the River.
11. **Mississippi River Flyover** — AV: A dramatic fifteen-minute video that follows the course of the River.
12. **Blues Culture Video** — AV: A short film highlighting the music and legends that became synonymous with the Delta.
13. **Elevator to 1st Floor and 3rd Floor Observation Deck**
14. **Stairs to 1st Floor/Portrait Gallery** — Portraits of some of the important players in the story of the Mississippi River, such as Mark Twain & Tom Lee.



1st Floor



2nd Floor



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