

Chicago River Day 20/20 Scavenger Hunt

Site Cluster: Blue Island/Calumet

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1. Beaubien Woods/Flatfoot Lake

Flatfoot Lake is a stocked lake. Fish species that can be found here include bass, catfish, bluegill, and others. But there is one species that does not belong here. Read the signs near Picnic Grove #1. What is only letter in common in both words of the name of the invasive species that fishermen here should be on the lookout for?



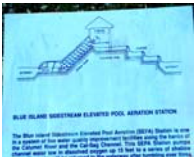
2. Beaubien Woods boat launch

Travel around the park road to the west side of Beaubien Woods. Find the boat launch. Look around for a sign about volunteer restoration of the area. Find the name of the Chicago Public Schools' high school helps to restore this natural area. What is the 5th letter in this school's name?



3. MWRD Louis S. Viverito SEPA station

Sidestream Elevated Pool Aeration facilities were built by the MWRD to oxygenate the river water. The water is pumped up to a height and allowed to cascade down an artificial waterfall, thus adding oxygen and improving water quality. Walk down the paved pathway to the end where there is a terraced pool. Go all the way to the far side of the pool and look back at it. What letter does it resemble?



4. MWRD Louis S. Viverito SEPA station

By oxygenating the river water, we allow more organisms up and down the food chain to thrive. This is very apparent in the populations of top predators, such as fish and birds. There are more fish in the river today because of the SEPA stations. Look for the sign depicting the process that takes place at the Blue Island SEPA station. What is the letter immediately following the word "capacity"? The word is in the sign twice, and each time it is followed by the same letter.



5. Whistler Woods

Pull to the end of the parking lot where it ends in a circular turn-around. Stand at the trail head and look towards the water. There are two houses with decks overhanging the water (hint: the deck on the right is red). What is the 4th letter in the name of the color of the retaining wall between these two houses?



6. Whistler Woods bike trail

A paved bike trail begins at the end of the parking lot. This trail is named for a world champion cyclist. What is the only letter to appear three times in his daughter's full name?

How to Play

Unscramble the six letters from your scavenger hunt to spell a river-related word. To submit your entry, please email your six-letter unscrambled word to scavengerhunt@chicagoriver.org. Please include the site cluster name in the subject line of your message. Include your full name, address and phone number. All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on May 11, 2012. Winners will be randomly selected from all correct entries. Prizes – First prize: (1) Two spots on one of Friends' guided canoe trips in the 2012 season (Children over 5 are welcome if accompanied by an adult). Second prize: (10) Chicago River Day 20/20 T-shirts. Third prize: (20) The Chicago River from Your Window Guides. In addition, the first 500 entries receive one free admission to the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum. Be an adventurer! The more sites you visit, the better your chances to win!

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