

Chicago River Day 20/20 Scavenger Hunt

Site Cluster: Downtown

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1. 300 North LaSalle Street

Visit this LEED-certified building on the north side of the river. To the south side of this magnificent building, you'll find a beautiful plaza. On the upper level (don't take the stairs down to the river), count the number of benches and the number of trees. Subtract the number of trees from the number of benches. Count through the alphabet to find the letter that corresponds to your number (1=a, 2=b, 3=c, etc.).



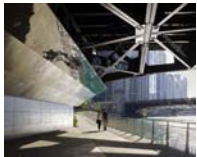
2. Eastland Disaster site

Walk across the LaSalle Street bridge. Visit the site of one of the worst maritime disasters in the United States. At the corner of Upper Wacker Drive and LaSalle Street is a sign in memory of those who died when the *Eastland* capsized. After reading the sign look across the river. What is the 10th (and last) letter in the word on the building's clocktower above the clock?



3. South Water Street

Walk further east along Upper Wacker Drive toward the State Street bridge. In the wall look for a sign entitled "South Water Street" that talks of the economic importance of this area back in 1834. Look closely at the sign. There are decorative covers over the bolts holding the sign to the wall. What letter most closely resembles the design on these covers.



4. Veterans Memorial

Walk down the ramp/stairs to the Veterans Memorial on the south side of the river between State Street and Wabash Street. Just west of the Wabash Street bridge underpass there is a sign that talks about the importance of plants and how they provide habitat for animals. What is the letter immediately preceding the word "food"?



5. Bridgehouse Museum

Walk under the Wabash Street bridge and head east. Just before the Michigan Avenue bridge you'll arrive at the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum. It is closed; but fear not, come back in the summer (after May 15) and it will be open. Peer through the front door at the large watershed map. Locate the distance from Chicago to the Atlantic Ocean. Subtract the distance (in statute miles) for the Detroit River from that of the Welland Canal, then, count through the alphabet to find the letter that corresponds to that number (1=a, 2=b, 3=c, etc.).



6. MWRD Deep Tunnel

Walk underneath the Michigan Avenue bridge along the riverwalk until you arrive at a large round grating on your right. Look for the plaque on a nearby rock describing this structure. Add up the individual digits (written as numerals – do not include numbers written in words) in the plaque (for example: 12 and 20 is not 32, it's 5). Now count the letters in the plaque's title until you reach that number.



7. Fort Dearborn

Climb the stairs up to Upper Wacker Drive. At the corner of Wacker Drive and North Michigan Avenue, look down into the sidewalk pavement. Locate the markers that outline the location of Fort Dearborn, in existence from 1803-1812. What is the 18th letter in each marker?



8. Jean Baptiste Point DuSable homesite

Cross over the Michigan Avenue bridge to the plaza on the east side of the road across from the Wrigley building. Walk around the curved stone railing until you come to a plaque commemorating the site of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable homesite (Hint: it's past the bust of Jean Baptiste). Count the letters on the plaque (including the title). What is the 74th letter?

How to Play

Unscramble the eight letters from your scavenger hunt to spell a river-related word. To submit your entry, please email your eight-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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