Balboa Park History
Balboa Park was originally built to host the Panama-California Exposition of 1915, celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal. The Park was not intended to be permanent, but citizens rallied to preserve it. Over a century later, it remains one of San Diego’s most beloved destinations.

Your Mission
Using the Balboa Park Map, follow the clues and riddles to learn even more about the park, its important buildings, museums, and institutions. Each “Hidden Treasure” will have a map number listed to help you narrow down your search.

Good luck!

Hidden Treasure #1
Map number 11
Many works of art from Spain can be found inside this museum, and these Spanish artists can be found standing on the outside of it.

What are the last names of these three artists?
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________

Hidden Treasure #2
Map letter A
This garden was restored in 1962.

What is the name of this garden?

What club restored it?

Hidden Treasure #3
Map letter H
This tropical oasis contains more than 450 palms within 2 acres.

The original group of Mexican Fan Palms date back to 1912.

What is the name of this hidden spot?

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Hidden Treasure #4
Map number 22

This spy was a dark secret when it first breathed air.

What museum is it near?

What is the name of this plane?

Hidden Treasure #5
Between map number 22 & 23

This theater has grown over the years turning into one of San Diego’s favorite, historic and precious gems. Families of multi-generations have developed a passion and dedication to Starlight’s events.

What is the name of this Theater?

What is the name of the nonprofit organization that is restoring the theater?

Hidden Treasure #6
Map number 15

The Spreckels Organ is the largest outdoor organ in the world!

Who donated the organ to the City of San Diego, back in 1914?

Hidden Treasure #7
Map number 2

Balboa’s house holds the key to this Center’s mystery, for within this dwelling you will see San Diego’s history!

What is the name of this museum?

Hidden Treasure #8
Map number 2

Casa de Balboa was LEED Silver certified to celebrate how green it is.

What does LEED stand for?

What year was this award given?

Hidden Treasure #9
Map number 9

Find this gazebo in the courtyard of the Casa del Prado.

Go up the stairs and locate room 208, you will find the oldest, continuing children’s theatre program in the country.

What is the name of the theatre company?

(This room is an operational office, please do not disturb.)
**Hidden Treasure #10**

**Map number 3**

The organization housed underneath the roof pictured above is home to one of San Diego’s largest movie screens!

Which organization is it?

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**Hidden Treasure #11**

**Map number 4**

I could once tell time by the shadow cast upon me pointer as the sun moved throughout the day. I was donated by renowned local jeweler, Joseph Jessop in 1906 and stands at the entrance of a museum.

What am I?

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**Hidden Treasure #12**

**Map letter C**

I am over 100 years old and all natural. I was planted in preparation for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. Records show that I started in a 5-gallon pot!

What am I?

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**Hidden Treasure #13**

**Map number 5**

There are handmade ceramic tile signs mounted on a wall that say "Spanish Village Art Center."

Who are the artists that made them?

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**Hidden Treasure #14**

**Map number 7**

This sign might confuse you. It does not belong to the Model Railroad Museum… it’s another world famous place here in Balboa Park!

What organization is it?

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**Hidden Treasure #15**

**Near Map number 8**

The parking lot of the San Diego Zoo has solar panels that can also charge electric vehicles!

How many electric car charging stations?

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**Hidden Treasure #16**

**Map number 12**

The Balboa Park Carousel has been in the park since 1922.

What year was this carousel built?

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What's the name of the game you can play to win a free ride?

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**Friends of Balboa Park** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to preserving Balboa Park’s legacy for future generations through park-wide projects.