



Zilker Trek Project Overview

Zilker Trek is a nature trek combining new technology and old. Consisting of ten interdisciplinary segments, the Trek utilizes a video iPod, a map, help sheets and a journal.

Project participants discover plants, geology, wildlife, poetry, history and art and along the way create a journal documenting “finds” and observations.

The trek culminates in a group project where participants design and build environmental sculptures based on their experiences.

We encourage participants to send scans of journal pages and digital photos of their sculptures that we will share in our on-line gallery. Please send any work to info@zilkertrek.org

The stops on the trek and the corresponding iPod playlists are:

- 00_Getting Started/Introduction:
- 01_Barton Springs Wildlife:
- 02_Butterfly Garden:
- 03_Fossil Hunt:
- 04_Green Garden:
- 05_History in the Roses:
- 06_Koi Pond:
- 07a and b_Taniguchi Garden:
- 08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch:
- 09_Create a Sculpture:

These numbers do not dictate a specific order, but are numbered this way so that they appear in numeric and alphabetical order when copied to an iPod.

Assembling Your Zilker Trek Kit

We provide:

- All of the digital content for the program that you download on to your iPod
- All of the printed materials for the program
- Instructions for the program
- A gallery where your work can be shared

You will need:

- a video iPod with a least 1GB of space
 - headphones
 - a journal
 - colored pencils, sharpener and eraser
 - regular pencil
 - binoculars
 - modeling clay (for fossil hunt segment only)
 - a gallon size zip lock bag
 - a small backpack for carrying everything
- Optional:
- a camera to photograph the environmental sculptures

Getting the Zilker Trek Digital Content on to the iPod

In order to load your iPod go to your iTunes application and create the following playlists

00_Introduction_01
00_Introduction_02
00_Introduction_03
01_Barton Springs Wildlife
01_Barton Springs Wildlife 02
02_Butterfly Garden
03_Fossil Hunt
04_Green Garden
05_History in the Roses_01
05_History in the Roses_02
06_Koi Pond_01
06_Koi Pond_02
07a_Taniguchi Garden_01
07b_Taniguchi Garden_02
08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_01
08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_02
08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_03_Bird Calls
09_Create a Sculpture_01
09_Create a Sculpture_02
10_Credits

Download all of the content from the website into a folder on your computer.

Now import the videos into iTunes using the “add to library” command under the file menu.

Next drag the movies from the movies tab in iTunes to the correct play list as shown below.

Playlist 00_Introduction_01
Intro_Video_01
Playlist 00_Introduction_02
IntroVideo_02
Playlist 00_Introduction_03
Intro Video_03
Playlist 01_Barton Springs Wildlife

Barton Springs Wildlife
 Playlist 01_Barton Springs Wildlife 02
 Barton Springs Salamanders
 Playlist 02_Butterfly Garden
 Butterfly Garden
 Playlist 03_Fossil Hunt
 Fossil Hunt
 Playlist 04_Green Garden
 Green Garden
 Playlist 05_History in the Roses_01
 History in the Roses_01
 Playlist 05_History in the Roses_02
 History in the Roses_02
 Playlist 06_Koi Pond_01
 Koi Pond_01
 Playlist 06_Koi Pond_02
 Koi Pond_02
 Playlist 07a_Taniguchi Garden_01
 Taniguchi Garden_01
 Playlist 07b_Taniguchi Garden_02
 Taniguchi_Garden_02
 Playlist 08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_01
 Zilker Preserve_Bird Watch_01
 Playlist 08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_02
 08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_02
 Playlist 08_Zilker Preserve Bird Watch_03_Bird Calls
 Black-crested Titmouse
 Blue Jay
 Carolina Chickadee
 Carolina Wren
 Downy Woodpecker
 House Sparrow
 Great-tailed Grackle
 Northern Cardinal
 Red-Bellied Woodpecker
 Red-Shouldered Hawk
 White-eyed Vireo
 White-winged Dove.
 Playlist 09_Create a Sculpture_01
 Sculpture01
 Playlist 09_Create a Sculpture_02
 Sculpture_02
 Playlist 10_Credits
 Credits

Connect your iPod and select it from the iTunes menu at the left. Under the “movies” tab, check the boxes next to the Zilker Trek videos and then select “synch selected”

Voila! All of the content should now appear in the correct order under the video playlists menu.

Zilker Trek Print Materials

Now, open and print the .pdf documents for the stops that you plan to complete. The map will be used for all of the stops. Please note that all of these documents are in color, and it may be less expensive, and result in better quality, if you have them printed at a print shop such as Kinkos. You can put them in plastic sleeves to protect them or even get them laminated if they will be used on a regular basis.

Please contact us at info@zilkertrek.org if you have any questions.

Instructions about how to work an iPod can be found at:
<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/ipod.htm>