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THE TEXAS TRAIL ROUNDUP JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

San Antonio, Texas

Saturday, November 23, 2019

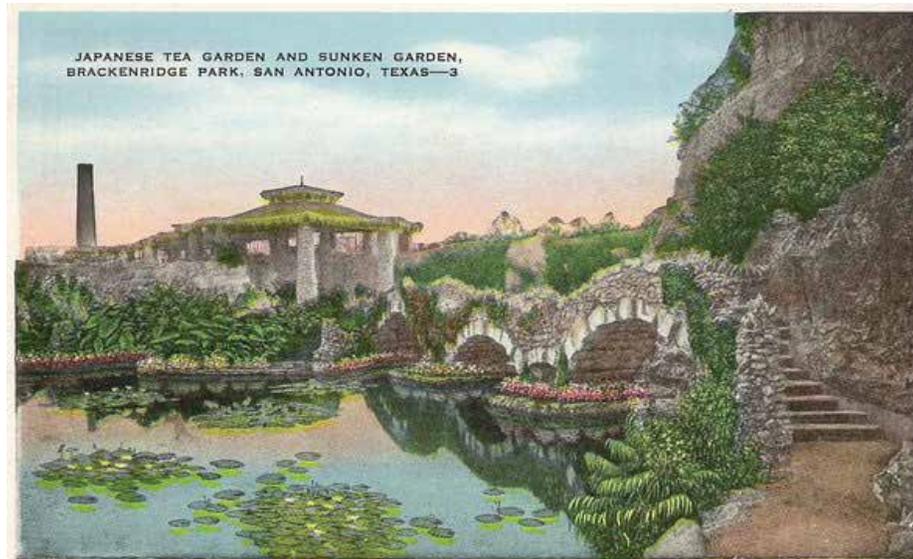
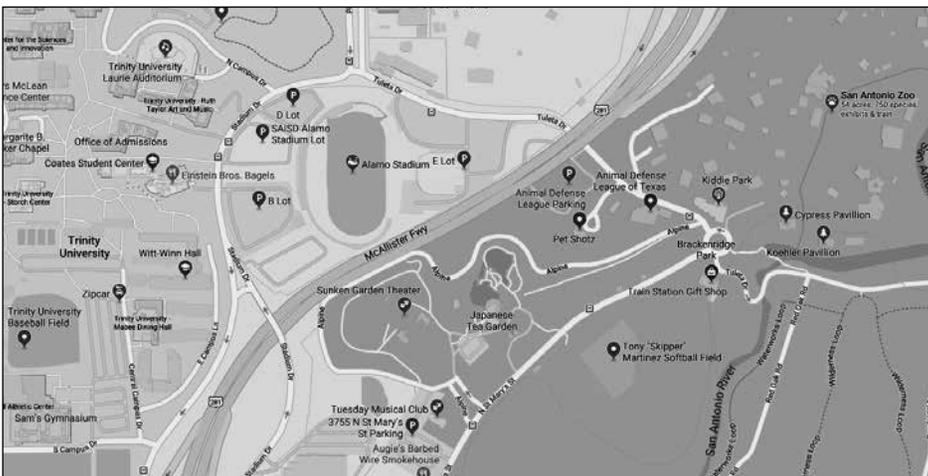
Come walk with us!



The **Texas Trail Roundup** will host its annual international 3-day WalkFest 21-23 February 2020. Join us to explore historic San Antonio neighborhoods, the beautiful River Walk & the UNESCO World Heritage Missions. Distances from 5-42km. Check out Year Round Walks: Wimberley, Texas | Stoneoak, San Antonio | Seguin Historical Walk | Tanger Outlets in San Marcos | North Star Mall, San Antonio

DIRECTIONS

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ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: These are non-competitive events. Walk, jog or run at your own pace. It is open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone participating **MUST** register and carry a Start card and mail it in at the FINISH.

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START AND FINISH TIMES: Start between 8AM-11AM. Finish by 2PM.

DISTANCES: 10km/5km (6.2mi/3.1mi) The trails are rated 2A and are not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. This is a lovely walk in the Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park, and Trinity University. The weather should be great at this time of year. Lunch is available at the café starting at 10 am

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Bridges - Spanning the USA | Carousels Across America | Doin' The Louisiana Purchase | Make a Wish at a Water Fountain



The carousel The Kiddie Park -- until recently at the corner of Broadway and Mulberry -- is being moved to the forecourt of the Zoo in Brackenridge Park. You will pass it during your walk. The "Zootennial" carousel is in the zoo and should you wish to view or ride it, you will need to pay zoo admission (\$14.99.)

REGISTRATION & FEES: The fee for all participants is \$3.00. There is no pre-registration and there are no refunds.

WATER & RESTROOMS: Restrooms and water are available at the starting point.

DISCLAIMER: The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Reasonable effort has been made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

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JAPANESE TEA GARDEN: It wasn't always beautiful. In 1915, the new San Antonio Parks Commissioner, Ray Lambert, embraced the "modern" ideal of healthier urban environments for the wealthy and working class alike. His grand idea was to create a park near downtown by connecting a 199-acre parcel donated by George Brackenridge to another, smaller parcel with San Antonio River access given to the city by Emma Koehler, widow of Pearl Brewery owner Otto Koehler.

Sitting between the two parcels was the rubble-strewn 11-acre crater from an abandoned cement quarry. Rather than being discouraged, Lambert and a group of public officials and private philanthropists had a vision of turning it into a sunken garden, outdoor theater and lily pond in the Japanese tradition. To help create, maintain and promote it, Lambert engaged Eizo "Kimi" Jingu, an artist, born in Japan. He and his family were invited to move into a stone house on the now beautiful and popular property.

All went as planned until 1942, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The Jingu family (Kimi had died in 1938) was thrown out of their house, not even allowed to gather their possessions. The Japanese Tea Garden was re-named the Chinese Tea Garden. A new entry gate was designed and installed by faux bois artist Dionicio Rodriguez. In 1984 the park was rededicated as the Japanese Tea Garden; in 1987 Kumamoto, Japan and San Antonio became sister cities.

BRACKENRIDGE PARK: San Antonio's 18th-century acequia started within the 343 acres of this park, bringing water from the San Antonio River to the city's Eastside. After construction in 1776, the river reached what is now the Westside of San Antonio to cultivate fields. Remnants of the dam can be found today in the park within the boundaries of the San Antonio Zoo. Historical buildings such as the 1878 Pumphouse #1, the oldest industrial building in Bexar County, remain standing in Brackenridge Park. Attractions within the park include the San Antonio Zoo, the Witte Museum, the Japanese Tea Gardens, the Sunken Garden Theater, the Tuesday Musical Club, First Tee of San Antonio and the 2 ft (610 mm) narrow gauge San Antonio Zoo Eagle train ride, which first opened in 1956 and utilizes three Chance Rides C.P. Huntington locomotives.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY: From the surrounding streets and highways, Trinity doesn't look like much: it appears to turn a cold shoulder on the world outside. But from inside the campus it is a thing of beauty and genius, making brilliant use of the rugged peaks and valleys of the abandoned quarry. The 166-foot tall Murchison Tower is the most dominant landmark on the campus, designed by O'Neil Ford, who also designed San Antonio landmark Tower of the Americas a few years later, based on this design. The view of San Antonio from Trinity is stunning.

Trinity's 2,480 undergraduate students, 80 percent of them ranking in the top ten percent of their high school classes, come from 43 U.S. states plus 61 countries. Trinity was ranked first in the West in U.S. News & World Report's 2016 Regional University Rankings for the 24th consecutive year.