

# Bosque Loop Trail Quest

As you walk along the Bosque Loop Trail, take a look at the interpretive signs. Notice the art and fascinating facts. Can you find the answers to the questions below?

## Explore the Bosque



What animal is on the sign at the entrance to the trail (next to the jetty jacks)?

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## What is a Bosque?



List a few benefits to Albuquerque that the Bosque provides.

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## The Path of the Minnow



The channel's restoration creates habitat where waters move

\_\_\_\_\_ - a necessity for silvery minnows, particularly during spawning season.

## Where Life Thrives



List some wild animals that make their home in the bosque.

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Name a few of the native plants that restoration crews plant in the bosque.

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## A Forest Fit for the Birds



Riparian lands near the river provide

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There are about 300 bird species that can be seen in the bosque. Of those, about 40 species are year-round residents. The other species are

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## The Power of Floods



In 2008, the \_\_\_\_\_

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reconnected the channel with the Rio Grande

## The Pulse of This Place



Beetles feed on the tiny organisms

found in \_\_\_\_\_

and in turn are eaten by birds

Answers on the back



Interpretive signs by the US Army Corps of Engineers, May 2013

## Answers:

- Great Blue Heron
- filtering storm water, capturing and isolating carbon dioxide, crucial habitat, migratory corridor for birds
- slowly
- rock squirrels, roadrunners, prairie lizards, long-tailed weasels, tawny bellied cotton rats, bats, porcupines, side-blotched lizards
- cottonwood, willow, three-leaf sumac, New Mexico olive
- resting spots, cover, feeding and nesting sites
- migratory
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- leaf litter