

Free Instruction Manual
For Leaders of Self-Guided Savannah Safari
Earn Official Badges
(Complete Poems in Safari Booklets)

Each walker needs a Safari booklet and pencil. Get badges after the walk at **First Headquarters** - 330 Drayton St., (1-888-CADETTE or 912-232-8200) behind Andrew Low House. For Safari book orders, go to fhqshop@gshg.org. Or call the author at 912-353-9999 (cooperpolly@gmail.com).

For badge requirements, go to www.gshg.org and click on vintage picture of First Headquarters.

At each “*animal*,” read poem together aloud, fill in blanks before walking on. Back home, share photos with your art class. Look for artwork animals in your town. **You** could create a Safari!

Look at your map. Here’s your first animal. *Read aloud!*

1 - Andrew Low House – 329 Abercorn St.

“Lounging lions.....” (Answer = **Square**)

Why did Andrew Low have lions out front?.....*to guard his home.*
What qualities do lions have?....*strength, power, bravery, royalty and courage.*
Juliette patted these lions when she passed by. Her nieces rode on their backs.

2 – Also at Andrew Low House - Birds on the Flagpoles

“On top of the flagpoles.....” (Answer = **great bald eagle**)

Why are they called **bald** eagles?....*the word “bald” once meant “white head” (like old people). Bald eagles aren’t bald. They have white feathers on their heads.*

3 - Three-Tiered Fountain in Lafayette Square (across the street)

“They hop.....” (Answer = **toads & frogs**).

Discover later – Learn the difference between toads and frogs. Do they hibernate?
Connect at home - Make an aquarium for amphibians.

4 – Look at the Fountain Again

“Four prefer puddles.....” (Answer = **7**)

What are they?.....*cranes or wading birds.*
Why are their necks are so long?.....*to reach food under water.*

5 – Our Lady of Grace - (right side of Cathedral - 222 E. Harris St.)

“Our Lady of Grace” (Answer = **serpent**)

Our Lady of Grace represents good qualities.....*goodness, generosity, caring and friendship*. The serpent at her feet represents what?.....*evil, greed, and cruelty*.

What bird symbolizes peace?.....*dove*.

Name some animals in your religion that are religious symbols? ...*lamb, fish, peacock, dove, etc.*

6 - Logo on Shelter Over Bench - Abercorn & Liberty Streets.

“The racing” (Answer = **cat**).

Name some animals in commercials..... *rabbit (Energizer Batteries), Chi Chi. the Mexican Chihuahua (Taco Bell), gecko (Geico Insurance), Uga (University of Georgia football team), cow (Chick-fil-A)*.

Does the choice of animals make a difference? Why?

Pause at benches on the right before cemetery - the dueling ground.

What is a duel?..... *a fight over honor*. If a man insulted another, they dueled with pistols. Many killed are buried here, including Button Gwinnett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1820, a horrible disease hit with fever, headaches, chills and vomiting...and yellow skin. It was *yellow fever!* It came from an infected female mosquito! Over 700 died. All are buried here. Thank goodness, we don't have that disease anymore.

OK, let's do the Girl Scout Pace10 walking steps, then 10 running steps. Stop at end of cemetery fence.

7 - Entrance to Colonial Park Cemetery

“This bird's not a” (Answer = **great bald eagle**)

Connect – Bald eagles are a symbol of our nation. In 1967 they became an endangered species. What was causing the eagles to die?.....*poison, hunters, hitting cars, insecticide, loss of habitats, etc.*

Good news! By 2007, they flew off the endangered list.

8 – 135 Lincoln Street

“Ferocious lion.....” (Answer = **feast**)

Why would someone want a lion to guard the house? Why not a kitten, rabbit or a canary?....*a lion has strength and power!*

9 - Busy Corner – 134 Lincoln Street

Read aloud this paragraph. Find the *dolphin downspout, iron stars and hitching post*.

10 – Around the Corner on York Street

“ This _____ tree gate.....” (Answer = **vitamin C, orange**)

Connect later - How does vitamin C keep you well? Ask your school to provide more fruit drinks and less soda.

11 – Look through the Orange Tree Gate

“This king of beasts.....” (Answer = roar)

Connect later – If your family celebrates Christmas, ask your parents and grandparents what was in the toe of their Christmas stockings when they were children....*oranges, nuts, maybe a quarter.*

Ask for some holiday memories. Help them make their favorite recipe.

12– Fountain in Columbia Square

“Tiny frogs.....” (Answer = Ribbitt! Ribbitt! Ribbitt!)

This fountain came from a plantation called *Wormsloe*, a favorite place to visit.

Name this square?...**Columbia Square**

For whom was it named?

Discover later - Google Columbia. Name three people, things or places named for Columbus/Columbia such as the space shuttle Columbia and Washington, D. C.

13 – Kehoe House – 123 Habersham Street

“Here there’s no bear.....” (Answer = iron)

This red brick mansion was built in 1892 by William Kehoe, owner of Kehoe Iron Foundry. Now it’s a fancy inn.

With your knuckles, rap on the steps and railing. Why are they cold?.....*made of iron, not wood.*

Discover later - What’s the difference between cast iron and wrought iron?

14– Garden of Owens-Thomas House

“Peep into the garden.....” (Answer = urn)

What a gorgeous garden! In 1817, English architect William Jay helped build this mansion for Richard Richardson, a *cotton broker*. Now it’s a fine museum.

- Left of the gate is an example of *tabby*. Read what it says.

Connect – Name some renewable building materials in your area?...*bamboo, sun, bricks, clay*. If you can, find a building made of renewable materials.

Discover later – Find out the difference between coquina and tabby.

15 - Oglethorpe Square

Notice the.....(Answer = there)

- What’s different about this square?....*no monument.*
- If you could build one, who would it honor?...*Tom Hanks? Mr. Kehoe? Daisy?*

Wright Square.

- Find some benches and read this true story to the group.....
- *Once, the city of Savannah was just pine trees, deer, eagles, snakes and Indians. They were Yamacraw Indians in deerskins and turkey feathers. Tall and elderly was Tomochichi, their wise chief.*

One day, strangers sailed from England to settle here. Their leader was young James Oglethorpe. How strange these pale-faced people seemed. They wore heavy clothing, and talked strangely.

Would there be fighting? Bows and arrows? Guns? No! Soon Oglethorpe and Tomochichi were friends. Oglethorpe took the old chief back to London to meet King George and Queen Caroline.

Six years later, Tomochichi died. Oglethorpe helped carry his body to be buried. Oglethorpe missed his friend.

Years later, Daisy's mother, Nellie, said something like this to the Colonial Dames... We must have an important marker for Tomochichi's grave. I will write to the good people of Stone Mountain where they sell stones.

A letter came back saying something such as... Madam, your boulder is on the way. Your bill is \$1, payable on Judgment Day.

Mrs. Gordon wrote back enclosing a dollar saying... she'd be much too busy on Judgment Day to pay bills!

* Where is the boulder?... *southeast corner of the square.*

- Walk around the tall monument. It honors Daisy's grandfather, William Washington Gordon. He started the Central of Georgia Railroad. Why do the train wheels have wings?

16 – Hitching Post on Bull Street

“Before her name.....” (Answer = carriage)

You're standing by a famous house. Anybody know?... *birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low.*

- She was born on a spooky night in 1860. Wh-o-o-o-o-o knows which night?... *Halloween.*
- Name other animals associated with holidays?... *turkeys, geese, donkeys, black cats, ground hogs, bunnies, etc.*
- What street are we on?... *Bull Street.*

Discover later – For whom was Bull Street named? Family names often advertised someone's job. Col. Bull's ancestors may have raised cattle. Names such as Baker, Cook, Miller, Archer, and Fisher describe their occupation. Does your family name give a clue?

17 – Emperor Cranes in Courtyard of The Birthplace

“Emperor cranes.....” (Answer = forks)

- These cranes were cast in bronze in 1840. The original owner was William J. Boone, 1V, first Episcopal missionary bishop of China. They were inherited by Page Anderson, Daisy's cousin, who willed them to The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace.
- In Chinese mythology, cranes stand for what?... *long life.*

18 – Long Benches in Chippewa Square

“Take a minute.....” (Answer = claws)

- The famous “Gump Bench” was in this square during the filming of... *Forrest Gump.*
- Who played Forrest in the movie?... *Tom Hanks.*

Connect later – At home, watch *Forrest Gump* with Tom Hanks. Watch *The Last Song* with Miley Cyrus. Point out places you visited in Savannah.

19- Monument in Chippewa Square

“Oglethorpe gazes.....” (Answer = lions)

- James Oglethorpe became a general in 1742. He’s wearing the uniform of a military general. King George 11 awarded him this high ranking after he defeated the Spaniards in the Battle of **Bloody Marsh**.
- Oglethorpe faces south where the Spaniards were. It is a custom to face monuments in the direction of their enemies. Why? A good soldier never lets his enemy sneak up behind him.

20 – Bottom of Ramp on DeSoto Hotel

“Look at these beauties.....” (Answer = lion)

- Terra cotta means *baked earth* in Spanish. This head is made of clay and fired (cooked in a kiln) to make it hard.

Connect later – Your Girl Scout camp may have clay and a kiln. Try making a small lion to guard your house?

21 – Roof of Shaver’s Bookstore (look, don’t cross street)

“This _____ has no personality....” (Answer = pineapple)

22 – Garden of 110 E. Harris Street

“Peep over.....” (Answer = skink)

23– 118 E. Harris Street

“Two acorn gates.....” (Answer = oaks)

Daisy didn’t make these gates. She could have. Remember, she worked with iron, just like a professional. Daisy was an amazing person! So are **YOU!**

Puff! Puff! END OF SAFARI...CONGRATULATIONS!!!