

## 2013 Earth Day EcoExpedition Clues

Each box has a stamp, a logbook, and a stamp pad. Bring your own pen. Please replace items into plastic bags and make sure the box is snapped shut. Information needed to figure out what greenways to locate can be found at: <http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~dunigan/greenways/>

### **Box #1 Name: Tidyman.**

The Tidyman is the icon on product packaging that encourages people not to litter. The logo was first seen in the United Kingdom in the early 1970s as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. It soon became widespread and is a globally recognized symbol. Find this box to see what Tidyman looks like.

Geocache coordinates: N 35.99064, W 84.31827

Letterbox directions: Go to the park that means giant chelonian. Park at the far end of the parking lot. You can see the sign for the greenway. Pick up a sheet that describes the trail markers. The trail is not paved so tread carefully. Follow the trail and go past trail marker 3. Just before you get to the steps, there is a moss covered tree on the right edge of the trail. In the tree just below waist height is a cavity. The box is under a rock in this cavity. Please replace the box and rock when you are finished. Keep following the trail around the soccer field and you will see the parking lot.

### **Box #2 Name: The Great Wagon Road.**

Trails were very important in the early years of this country. When settlers arrived at the coastal towns, many ventured inward and needed a route so they would not get lost in the vast wilderness. One of the oldest roads in Tennessee runs right through Oak Ridge. The Oak Ridge Greenways lets you walk into the past on this greenway that incorporates a section of the road also known as the Avery Trace. You may have to do a bit of research to find the real name of this greenway. The answer can be found at the Oak Ridge Greenways website. If you go to the website, you will recognize the stamp image. Thanks to the local Brownie Troop for placing this box.

Geocache coordinates: N 36.02433, W 84.20935

Letterbox directions: Park at either end of the trail. The trail runs close to the street for part of the way so be careful. While it is noisy when you are near the street, you almost forget you are in an urban area while you follow the creek. Find mile marker 1.25. Face the marker and then take 5 steps to the right. A step is one footfall. Face the same side of the trail as the mile marker. The box is under a rock on the left side of the tree that is about 3 feet off the trail. Carefully pull away the vines and replace the vines and rock when finished. Follow the trail to the end, turn around, and enjoy the trail from a different perspective.

### **Box #3 Name: Not that kind of a skull.**

This greenway is an excellent one for biking. It is paved and the hills are not too steep. It also has several access points to make your trip as long or short as you would like. On certain Saturdays in April and May you might even witness some championship athletes at work. The stamp image will show you this sport.

Geocache coordinates: N 36.02570, W 84.17129

Letterbox Directions: Between mile markers 2.75 and 3.00 you will see a big green square. Stop when you are even with this square. Look to the road. See the giant rock? The box is on the left side of the big rock and partially nestled under another large rock. Remove the flat rock.

**Box #4 Name: Playing Learning Growing.**

This National Recreation Trail takes you through the woods across a ridge and runs into creeks. It is considered difficult due to the elevation change if you traverse the entire trail. Native flowers are abundant and you can even see rock arches. You will rarely see houses and you can imagine yourself as an early explorer. It can be easy to lose the trail, especially in areas where leaves have covered the trail and trees with the colored blazes have fallen. Access trails have blue blazes and the main trail has white blazes. The trail goes past one of our Earth Day sponsors and the name of this box wraps around its logo. Find the box to get a look at this logo and visit the sponsor while you are in the area. The trail is maintained by the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning and they could always use help. Visit their website at <http://TCWP.org/> for more information.

Geocache coordinates: N 36.02364, W 84.28115

Letterbox Clue: This trail starts east of Mississippi and goes all the way to California and beyond. This box will give you a small sample of the trail. Find N WALKER LANE. Park at the trailhead and follow the blue blazes down to the creek. Once you have come to the creek, you will face three more blue blazes. At the last blue blaze, you will see a fallen log that reaches to the creek and is covered with moss. Turn around and face the way you came. Take seven steps back and look to the left. See the moss covered rock that looks like a stump? Check behind it for the box. It is under a flat rock and dead wood. Don't forget your water. The slope you came down is the one you will need to take back up. Caution: the trail can be slippery going downhill because of the leaves.

**Box #5 Name: Brought to you by. . .**

. . . the letter "W". Think west, wood, water tower, whippoorwill, and Green Bay Packers. Whoops! Just gave this one away!. This greenway is another excellent one for biking. It is gravel and once you get to the top of the ridge, the hills are not too steep. You can even bypass the steepest part and head to another access point. For the hardy (or foolhardy) this greenway can take you on a 7 mile one-way journey (get picked up at the other end) or a 14-mile round trip. You won't have to go quite that far to see the stamp image from the logo of one our festival sponsors. A local Girl Scout Troop placed this box.

Geocache coordinates: N 35.97727, W 84.36469

Letterbox Directions: If you want to experience the entire trail, start at the entrance by the west Guard House. The rest of us will start at the intersection of W and W. There is limited parking at this intersection. Head west on the trail and follow the fence until you run out of backyards. There is a bench after the last house. Sit on the bench and take a breather. Stand up and turn to the right. Take about 50 giant steps. Look to the left and you will see a tree stump. Look behind the stump for the box under a flat rock. Did you remember to bring the clues for the geocaches and letterboxes that you passed by to get to this box?

**Box #6 Name: Please, Recycle!**

Paper, plastic, aluminum, cardboard, glass. These are easy. They may all go into your brown recycle bin or taken to the local recycling center. There is a symbol on items that can be

recycled. Do you know what it looks like? To find the answer, get to the greenway trail that links a recently rebuilt park, historic neighborhoods, the high school football field, and a historic shopping center. The trail is a 2.5 mile loop through the woods and follows a creek. It is for hiking only.

Geocache Coordinates: N 36.03467, W 84.24208

Letterbox Directions: Park on the east side of the park as far from the playground as you can. Cross the street to the greenway entrance. Stay on the main trail. There are several faint trails leading away that you should ignore. You may have to duck under a couple of trees. When you come to a well-defined fork, stay to the right. You will pass two benches and cross three bridges before arriving at this box. After you cross the third bridge, you will see an area with lots of fallen trees. Some of these fell across the trail and had to be cut up to clear the trail. Take about 75 steps from the bridge and you will come to a stump on the left side of the trail. The box is under some wood and a flat rock on the bridge side of the stump. You can turn around or keep following the trail to find lunch, dinner, or an ice cream before finishing the loop.