

GO DURHAM PRESENTS

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A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO RIDE THE BUSES AROUND DURHAM ON MY OWN, MY MOM CREATED THIS GAME...



...THAT WE CALL...

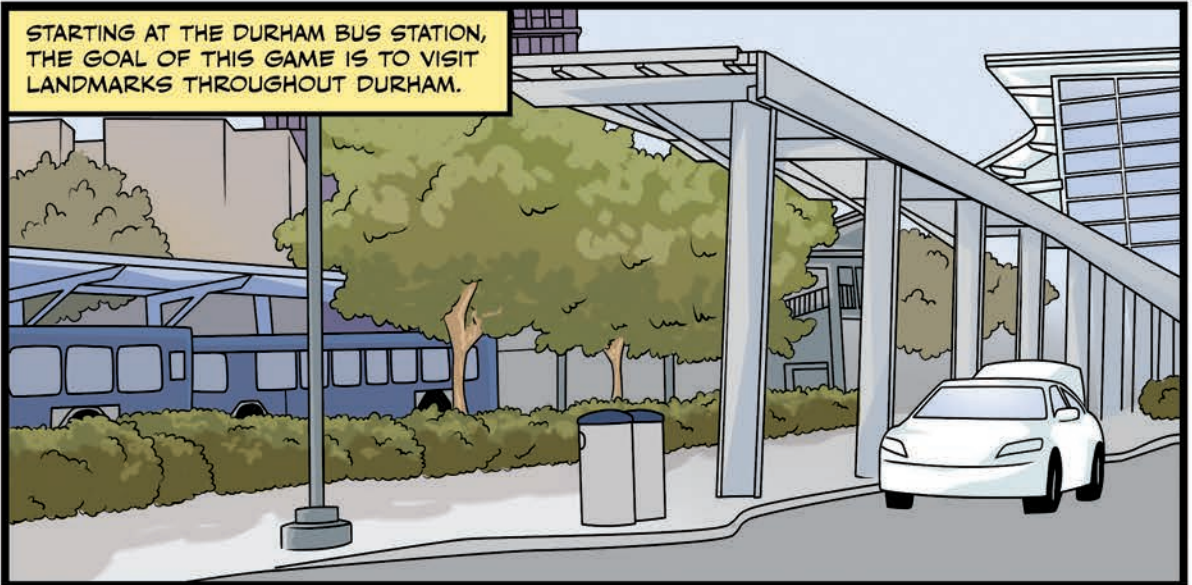


HOW LONG WILL I RIDE?

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THE RULES TO THE GAME ARE SIMPLE.

STARTING AT THE DURHAM BUS STATION, THE GOAL OF THIS GAME IS TO VISIT LANDMARKS THROUGHOUT DURHAM.



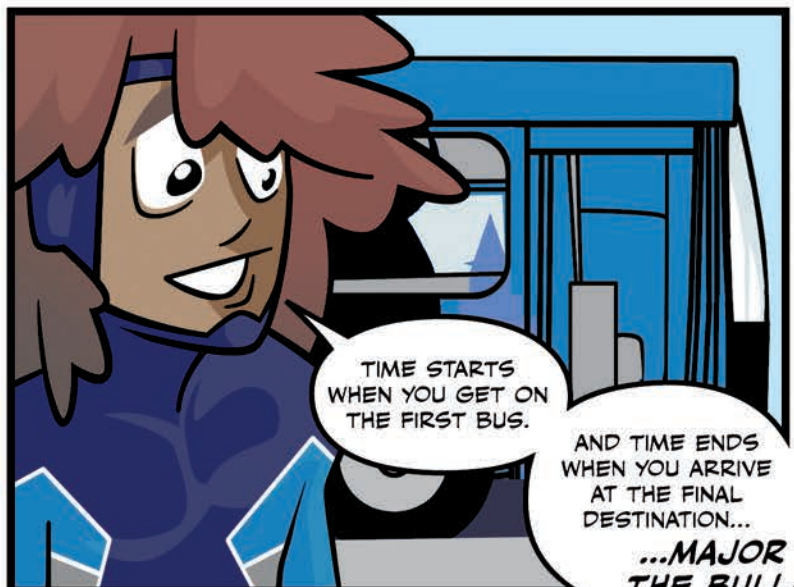
TO GET TO EACH LANDMARK, YOU CAN ONLY WALK OR RIDE THE BUS.

AND YOU MUST KEEP TRACK OF THE MINUTES THAT YOU:

- 1) SPEND RIDING A BUS,
- 2) SPEND WALKING, AND
- 3) SPEND WAITING FOR A BUS

MINUTES SPENT RIDING ON THE BUS ARE WORTH **ONE** POINT. MINUTES SPENT WALKING ARE WORTH **TWO** POINTS. MINUTES SPENT WAITING ON THE BUS ARE WORTH **FOUR** POINTS.

THIS IS LIKE GOLF WHERE THE **LOWEST** NUMBER OF POINTS WINS.



TIME STARTS WHEN YOU GET ON THE FIRST BUS.

AND TIME ENDS WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE FINAL DESTINATION...

...MAJOR THE BULL!

MY FIRST STOP IS BENNET PLACE.



IT'S AT THE END OF ROUTE 11B. TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES ON THE BUS. I SPENT TWENTY-NINE MINUTES WALKING THERE AND BACK AND ARRIVE JUST IN TIME TO CATCH THE INBOUND 11B.

BUS POINTS: 027
WALKING POINTS: 058
WAITING POINTS: 000
TOTAL POINTS: 085

OH YEAH!
DID I MENTION THAT YOU ALSO HAVE TO RIDE EACH ONE OF THE BUS ROUTES, *TOO?*

THERE ARE TWELVE ROUTE...
...NUMBERED ONE THROUGH TWELVE.

MY NEXT STOP IS THE SUN DIAL ON THE DURHAM CAMPUS OF NCSSM.*



THE 1 TAKES ME BACK TO THE STATION WHERE I WAIT SIX MINUTES TO CATCH THE 9B ALL THE WAY OUT. FIFTY-SIX MINUTES ON THE BUS AND FOUR MINUTES WALKING.

BUS POINTS: 057
WALKING POINTS: 008
WAITING POINTS: 024
TOTAL POINTS: 356

MY NEXT STOP INVOLVES SOME WALKING, BUT IT'S MY FAVORITE PLACE. SO IT'S BACK ON THE 9B AND THEN THE 4 TO GET TO...



...THE ALBERTOSAURUS AT THE NC MUSEUM OF LIFE AND SCIENCE.

THE 4 AND THE 5 GET ME TO SOUTH POINT IN FIFTY MINUTES WITH A TRIP WITH ONLY FOURTEEN MINUTES OF WALKING. THE FORK IN THE ROAD WAS BUSY AT THE STREETS AT SOUTH POINT.

I MANAGED TO REFUEL AND GET BACK TO MY JOURNEY IN SEVENTY MINUTES. THE NEXT STOP IS...

BUS POINTS: 050
WALKING POINTS: 028
WAITING POINTS: 280
TOTAL POINTS: 945



...THE MAIN LIBRARY ON THE CAMPUS OF DURHAM TECH.

DURHAM TECH HAS SEVEN CAMPUSES ACROSS DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES. THE MAIN LIBRARY IS ON THE LAWSON STREET CAMPUS IN DURHAM. I TAKE THE 12 FROM THE MALL TO THE LIBRARY. THAT WAS A THIRTY-FIVE MINUTE BUS RIDE WITH A SEVENTEEN MINUTE WALK. SINCE I TOOK MY TIME EATING THERE WAS NO WAIT FOR THE BUS. MY NEXT STOP IS...

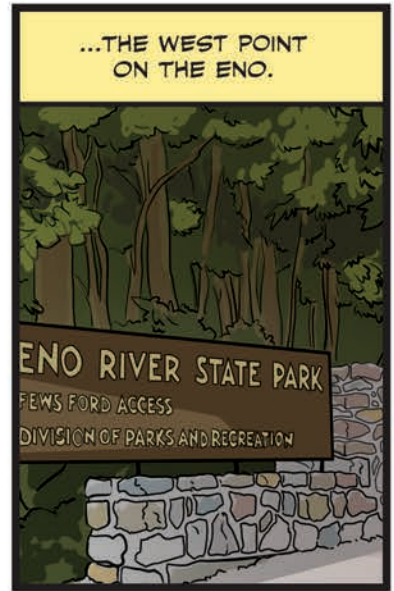
BUS POINTS: 0035
WALKING POINTS: 0017
WAITING POINTS: 0000
TOTAL POINTS: 1014

*NCSSM IS THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. THIS RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL'S DURHAM CAMPUS BRINGS TALENTED STUDENTS FROM THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA TO DURHAM TO "REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL AND FIND THEIR NICHE."



11B TAKES ME AS FAR AS GREEN STREET AND IREDELL IN SIXTEEN MINUTES. I HAVE TO WALK AROUND TO THE SUN DIAL. THAT'S ANOTHER TWENTY-ONE MINUTES OF WALKING BEFORE I SIT AND WAIT FOR *THIRTY-ONE MINUTES* FOR THE 1 TO TAKE ME TO...

BUS POINTS: 016
WALKING POINTS: 042
WAITING POINTS: 124
TOTAL POINTS: 267

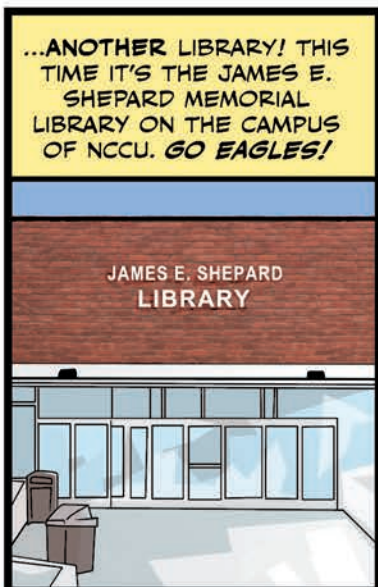


WITH THIRTEEN MINUTES ON THE BUS, TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES WALKING, AND FORTY-TWO MINUTES WAITING FOR THE BUS, THIS IS WHERE I GAIN SOME POINTS, BUT IT'S WORTH IT FOR THE *DINOSAURS!*

BUS POINTS: 013
WALKING POINTS: 050
WAITING POINTS: 168
TOTAL POINTS: 587

DON'T YOU LIKE DINOSAURS, TOO?

MOM DESIGNED THIS SO ALL THE LANDMARKS ARE OUTSIDE. WE CAN DO THIS AT ANYTIME OF DAY OR NIGHT!



I TAKE THE 8 TO THE SHEPARD LIBRARY. FIVE MINUTES ON THE BUS, EIGHT MINUTES WALKING, AND EIGHT MINUTES WAITING.

BUS POINTS: 0005
WALKING POINTS: 0016
WAITING POINTS: 0032
TOTAL POINTS: 1067

WHILE I COULD GO TO THE LAST LIBRARY ON THE LIST NOW... IT THINK I'LL GO VISIT THE TALLEST BUILDING IN DURHAM...



*NCCU IS THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. NCCU IS AN HBCU (HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY) ESTABLISHED IN 1910. NCCU IS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND HAS ABOUT 8000 STUDENTS ON ITS 132 ACRE CAMPUS.

I CHOOSE TO WALK QUITE A BIT BECAUSE I CAN CATCH THE 7 TO NEAR A STOP FOR THE 10B AND GET TO UNIVERSITY TOWER WITH A THIRTY-TWO MINUTE BUS RIDE AND THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES OF WALKING AND SEVEN MINUTES OF WAITING.

NOW I HAVE THREE BUS ROUTES LEFT AND TWO LANDMARKS LEFT BEFORE HEADING TO MAJOR.

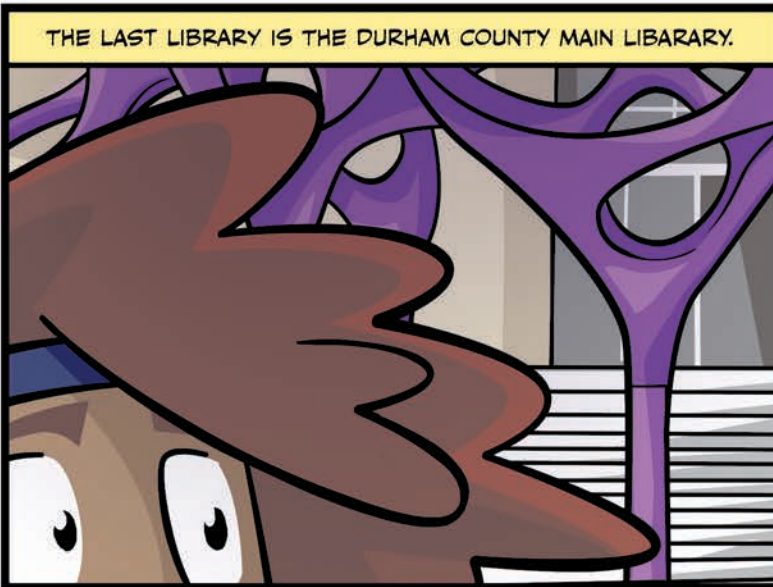
BUS POINTS: 0030
WALKING POINTS: 0070
WAITING POINTS: 0028
TOTAL POINTS: 1195



SINCE I'M GOING FROM TOWER BOULEVARD TO THE UNIVERSITY ROAD BUS STOP FOR THE 10, I GRAB A QUICK SNACK FOR MY WALK.

I GET TO THE CENTER VIA THE 10 AND 6 WITH FORTY-FIVE MINUTES OF BUS RIDING, SIXTEEN MINUTES OF WALKING, AND 10 MINUTES OF WAITING.

BUS POINTS: 0045
WALKING POINTS: 0032
WAITING POINTS: 0040
TOTAL POINTS: 1312



TAKING THE 6 DOWNTOWN GIVES ME MANY OPTIONS TO GET TO THE LIBRARY, BUT I STILL NEED TO RIDE ROUTES 2 AND 3. I CHOOSE THREE TO GET ME TO THE LIBRARY.

THAT TOOK TWENTY MINUTES OF BUS RIDING, SIX MINUTES OF WALKING, AND TWENTY MINUTES OF WAITING. ALL THAT'S LEFT IT TO CATCH THE 2 AND GET TO MAJOR.

BUS POINTS: 0020
WALKING POINTS: 0012
WAITING POINTS: 0104
TOTAL POINTS: 1448



THAT'S THREE MINUTES RIDING THE BUS, TWENTY-FOUR MINUTES WALKING, AND TWENTY MINUTES WAITING... FOR A TOTAL OF...

BUS POINTS: 0003
WALKING POINTS: 0048
WAITING POINTS: 0080
TOTAL POINTS: 1579

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE COMPLETED THIS IN ONE DAY. MY LAST ATTEMPT WAS OVER 2 DAYS, SO WITH THE ADDITIONAL WAITING TIME MY PREVIOUS BEST SCORE WAS...

...6219!

Hello. It's L Jamal Walton. I'm the writer and artist of the story on the previous pages.

The challenge as featured is quite simple:

- 1) You start at the Durham Bus Station.
- 2) You end at Major the Bull.
- 3) You have to ride all twelve bus routes, from at least one bus stop to another. (B and C routes are considered the same as the unlettered route. 10 and 10B both count as riding the 10 route.)
- 4) You have to visit the following places (in any order):
 - Sun Dial at NCSSM
 - University Tower
 - West Point on the Eno
 - Albertosaurus at the NC Museum of Life and Science
 - John Hope Franklin Center
 - Bennet Place
 - Durham County Main Library
 - James E Shepard Memorial Library
 - Durham Tech Library Main Campus
 - Kids Splashing Statue at the Streets at South Point
- 5) Separately track the minutes that you spend:
 - riding the bus (times 1 point)
 - walking (times 2 points)
 - waiting (times 4 points)
- 6) The lowest score wins. If you take more than one day to complete the challenge, then the time spent from you getting off the bus one day until you start the bus the next day is waiting time.

THE PATH *GDK* TAKES IS A *VALID* PATH. IT'S *NOT* LIKELY THE *BEST* PATH *NOR* THE *FASTEST* PATH. AS WRITTEN THAT PATH TAKES ABOUT THIRTEEN HOURS TO COMPLETE IN ONE DAY. I'M *SURE* THAT YOU CAN DO BETTER.

CAN YOU SCORE *LESS THAN 1500* POINTS?

