

Montrose Point is famous for so many things like beaches, nature, and sports - all on the Lake Michigan shore...

It is such an important part of living in Chicago that it feels like this beautiful spot has been there forever. But Montrose Point was born in 1934. In people years, that's pretty old. But in nature years, that makes Montrose Point basically a kid! So who better to tell you about what makes Montrose Point so interesting... than Montrose Point themselves! From subway rocks to an army base, from a Magic Hedge to a fishhook pier...

Welcome to... Montrose Point!

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Montrose Point **Harper Merrill**

Hollywood, et al **Cooper Merrill**

Creative Team

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Chicago-based artists Shawn Pfautsch and Jessica Ridenour are excited to be back for their fourth Walkie Talkie for Chicago Children's Theatre!

Shawn is the producer of the 2022 Walkie Talkie season and you may have seen him on stage in Chicago Children's Theatre's productions of *A Year With Frog and Toad* and *Frederick*. Parents may have seen Jessica on stage at *Second City* or on their televisions on *The 4400*, *Chicago PD*, and *Chicago Med*.

You can find their previous Walkie Talkies, *The Green Heron*, *Saving Solstice* and *The Night Heron* at Chicago Children's Theatre podcasts!



Harper Merrill

is an 11-year-old sixth grader at Blaine Elementary. A self-described "child of novels", when not reading a book you'll find her singing a Broadway musical and swimming for

the Lincolnwood Lightning/Iguanas. Harper has appeared on stage at Chicago Children's Theatre for their summer camp culminating performances, along with performing at various school functions. She has also done voiceovers for Chicago Children's Theatre special events and promotional videos. Harper values her friends, family, and dogs. She does not like jelly fish, roller coasters, and pollen. And she thanks Jacqueline Russell, Shawn Pfautsch, and Jessica Ridenour for the opportunity to be the voice of Montrose Point!



Cooper Merrill

is an 8-year-old third grader at Blaine Elementary. He enjoys sports, Godzilla movies, bike riding, and the beach. His career aspirations have spanned from feeding sharks at the

Shedd Aquarium to "hyena expert," to food critic. He is also writing a screenplay. Cooper has appeared on stage at Chicago Children's Theatre's summer camp performance of "Back to the Past," as Charmander the kidnapper, as well as performing *If I Had A Hammer* at Blaine Does the 60's last year. Cooper has previously done voiceover work for Chicago Children's Theatre special events. He lives in Chicago with his parents, sister (Harper), and dogs (Luna and Milligan). Cooper thanks Chicago Children's Theatre for this opportunity, and for allowing his sister to co-star with him!

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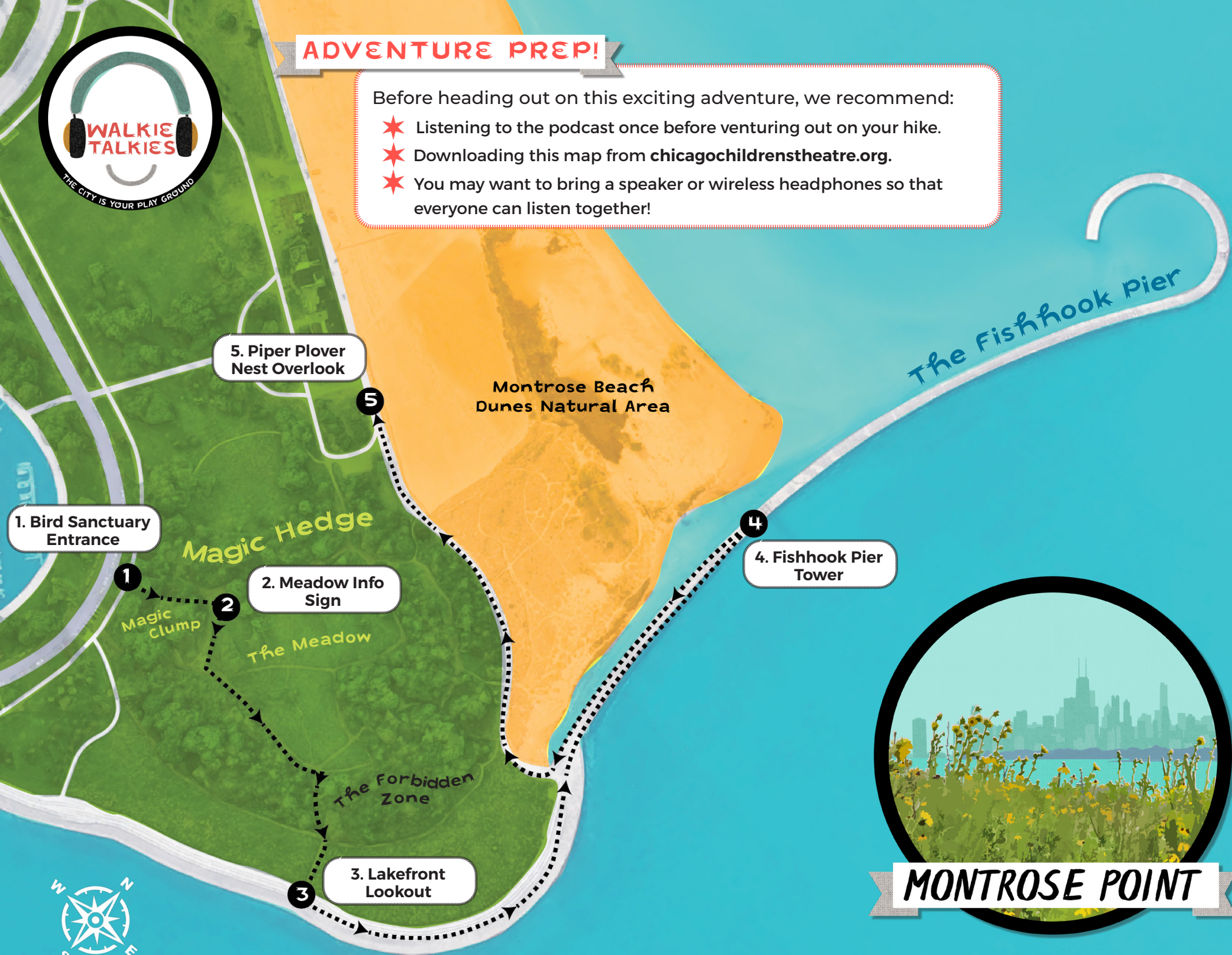


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ADVENTURE PREP!

Before heading out on this exciting adventure, we recommend:

- ★ Listening to the podcast once before venturing out on your hike.
- ★ Downloading this map from chicagochildrenstheatre.org.
- ★ You may want to bring a speaker or wireless headphones so that everyone can listen together!



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Montrose Point Through the Years

Baby Montrose Point

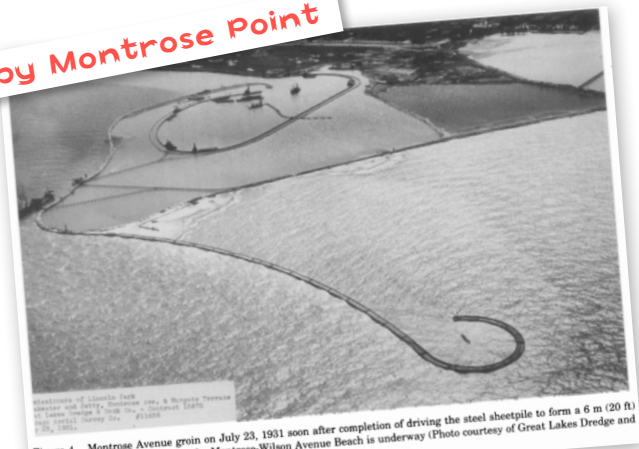
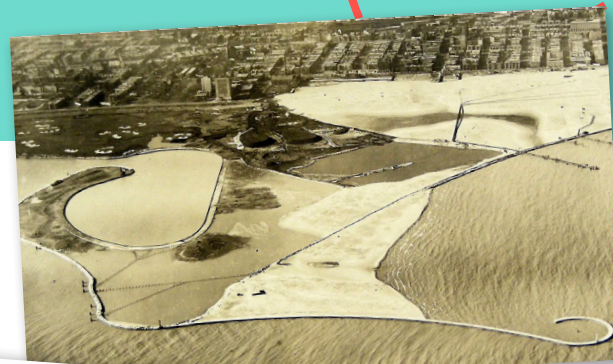


Figure 4. Montrose Avenue groin on July 23, 1931 soon after completion of driving the steel sheetpile to form a 6 m (20 ft) wide crib. Initial sand filling for the Montrose-Wilson Avenue Beach is underway (Photo courtesy of Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company).

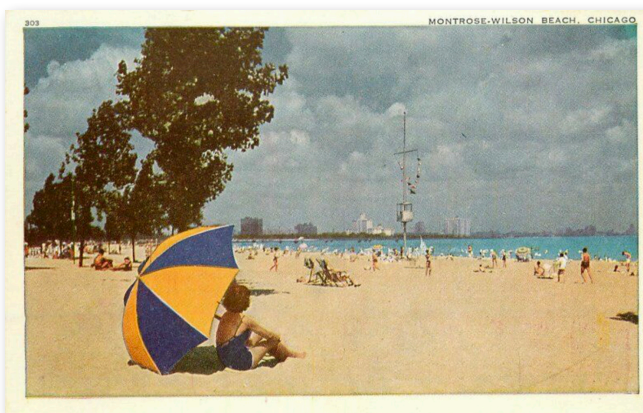


1939: Montrose Point was recently created and minimal vegetation was established.



1973: Military structures have been removed and the Magic Hedge is visible.

The Teen Years! Montrose Point Army Base 1965



Montrose Point Today



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