

JANUARY TRAIL GUIDE

Hints & Answers - open only if you need a little help!

Try each Puzzle Path stop on your own first. If you get stuck, use the hint before peeking at the answer. The five Secret Trail Letters are collected in scrambled order for the Final Mystery.

STOP 1 - SASSY'S WORD HUNT

HINT: There are 15 character names hidden in the grid. Watch the places where names cross.

ANSWER: SASSY, ROCKY, KATARINA, CHARLIE, HARVEY, SCARLET, BART, ELI, JAKE, HAZEL, BELLA, BASIL, WINSTON, PEPPER, and EDNA. The busiest crossing is the letter E.

SECRET TRAIL LETTER: E

STOP 2 - THE TANGLED CHARM CHAIN

HINT: The Secret Trail Letter comes from the charm connected to Rosemary's Dirt-to-Dine stop.

ANSWER: 1 BELL | 2 CORN | 3 CARROT | 4 CABBAGE | 5 MULE | 6 SKATEBOARD | 7 TRAIN | 8 NEEDLE | 9 ROCK | 10 BUTTERFLY. The Dirt-to-Dine charm is CARROT; its last letter is T.

SECRET TRAIL LETTER: T

STOP 3 - WHO AM I?

HINT: Think bakery, garden, runaway vegetable, jewelry, and one of Sassy's earliest friends.

ANSWER: 1 HAZEL | 2 BASIL | 3 CARL | 4 FIONA | 5 KATARINA. The baker is HAZEL; the first letter of Hazel is H.

SECRET TRAIL LETTER: H

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Stops 4 & 5 + Final Mystery

STOP 4 - CROSS-COUNTRY CROSSWORD

HINT: The long formal name belongs to the raccoon. Sassy uses a much shorter name for him.

ANSWER: ACROSS: 2 CARL, 4 JAKE, 6 BART, 8 BASIL, 10 ROCKY. DOWN: 1 KATARINA, 3 BELLA, 5 FIONA, 7 WINSTON, 9 PEPPER. Sir Percival Bartholomew Ashcroft is BART; the second letter is A.

SECRET TRAIL LETTER: A

STOP 5 - ROCKY'S TRACKING CHALLENGE

HINT: This furry friend is at home in the water, was met while traveling south, and her name begins like PAW PRINT.

ANSWER: Rocky is tracking PEPPER. Pepper is a sea OTTER. Take the LAST letter of OTTER: R.

SECRET TRAIL LETTER: R

THE FINAL MYSTERY

Your five collected letters, in trail order:

E T H A R

Unscramble them to discover January's Secret Charm.

FINAL ANSWER: HEART

The Heart Charm comes from the beginning of Sassy's adventure.