

Fill the Rows: Road Trip

Print-and-Play Rules — Card Edition

Score the most points by collecting stops, in order, along four iconic American road trip routes. 2–5 players, about 15 minutes.

What's in this PDF

Page 1: these rules (print 1 copy). Page 2: scorecard (print 1 per player). Pages 3–5: one player's card set, 44 cards across 3 sheets (print one 3-sheet set per player, on card stock if you have it).

Setup

Each player cuts out and takes their own set of 44 cards, then sorts them into four rows in front of them by route — in play order (see the arrow on each card: ↑ ascending for Pacific Coast and Route 66, ↓ descending for Blue Ridge Parkway and Gulf Coast). Give each player a scorecard. Choose a starting Driver; the role passes left each round.

On Your Turn

1. **Roll.** The Driver rolls 2 neutral dice (Gas Money) and 4 route dice (Bonus Miles), one per route. No physical dice? Use any two 1–6 rollers summed for Gas Money, and for each route die roll a d6 and re-roll on a 5 or 6 (1–4 maps to one of the four routes).
2. **Everyone collects.** Every player, including the Driver, may take the next unclaimed card in one of their own route rows if its number matches the sum of the two Gas Money dice — or skip. Any cards you skipped past on that route are now out of reach: flip them face down (or set them aside) since you can never come back for them.
3. **Driver collects again.** The Driver alone may also take the next unclaimed card in one route using a route die + one Gas Money die (their sum), on the route matching that route die's color — or skip.

Rules

- You must collect the next card in line on a route — no skipping ahead without discarding what's in between.
- The final card on a route (its highest-numbered card in play order) can only be taken once you've already collected 4 or more cards on that route.
- Once a route is completed (its final card taken, by anyone) it locks for everyone once the round ends — mid-round, other players may still collect on it.

Detours

If the Driver has no legal move in either phase, they must take a **Detour penalty** (–5 pts, mark it on your scorecard) or, once per game, **Ask for Directions** — a free re-roll of all dice, no penalty.

End of Game & Scoring

The game ends when two routes are completed (by anyone) or a player takes a third Detour penalty — finish the round, then score. Each route scores $n(n+1) \div 2$, where n = cards you collected on it. If you completed that route, count one extra card toward n first. Subtract 5 per Detour penalty. See your scorecard for the full lookup table.

Example: 7 cards collected on the Gulf Coast, route not completed → $7 \times 8 \div 2 = 28$ pts. If you'd also collected the final card, it counts as an 8th → $8 \times 9 \div 2 = 36$ pts.

Routes

Route	Direction	Start → End
Pacific Coast	↑ Ascending 2→12	San Diego → Olympic NP
Route 66	↑ Ascending 2→12	Chicago → Santa Monica
Blue Ridge Pkwy	↓ Descending 12→2	Front Royal → Cherokee
Gulf Coast	↓ Descending 12→2	South Padre → Key West

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Scorecard

Player: _____

Game #: _____

Cards Collected

Route	Cards collected (n)	Completed it?
Pacific Coast	_____	☐ Yes
Route 66	_____	☐ Yes
Blue Ridge Pkwy	_____	☐ Yes
Gulf Coast	_____	☐ Yes

Detours & Directions

Detour penalties (–5 pts each):

Asked for Directions (once per game):

☐ Used

Scoring Lookup

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Not completed	1	3	6	10	15	21	28	36	45	55	66
Completed	3	6	10	15	21	28	36	45	55	66	78

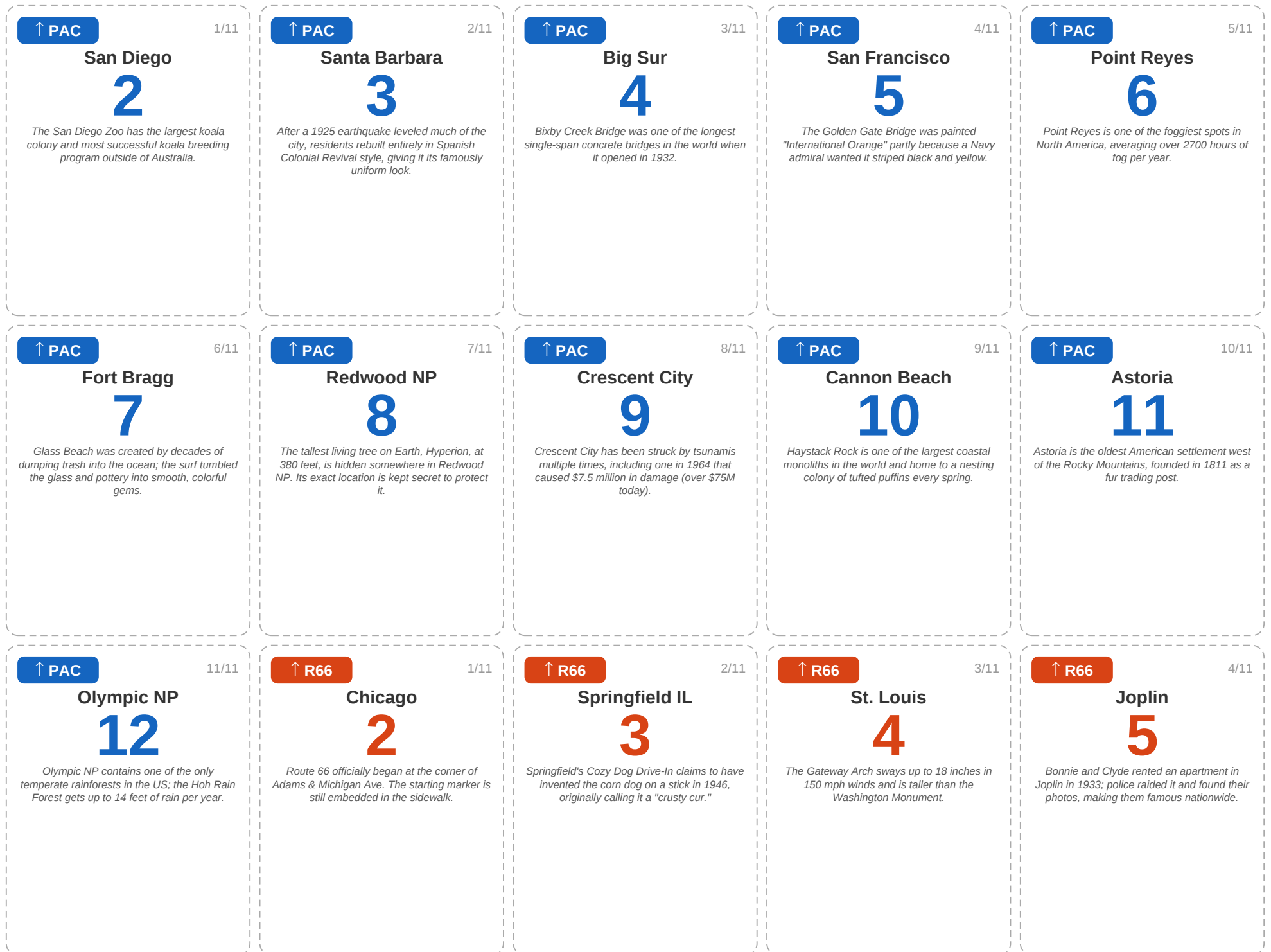
Formula: $n(n+1) \div 2$, using $n+1$ instead of n if you completed the route.

Final Score

Pacific ____ + Rt 66 ____ + Blue Ridge ____ + Gulf ____ = Route total: ____

Minus Detour penalties (____ $\times$ 5) = ____

FINAL SCORE:



↑ R66 5/11 Oklahoma City 6 A giant milk bottle has balanced atop a tiny triangular grocery on OKC's Route 66 since the 1930s; the lot was so small the building had to be a wedge.	↑ R66 6/11 Amarillo 7 Cadillac Ranch's 10 half-buried Cadillacs are repainted so often that the cars have accumulated several inches of spray paint.	↑ R66 7/11 Albuquerque 8 The International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque is the largest balloon festival in the world, with 500+ balloons launching at dawn.	↑ R66 8/11 Santa Fe 9 Santa Fe is the highest-elevation US state capital at 7,199 feet, and its Palace of the Governors has been in continuous use since 1610.	↑ R66 9/11 Flagstaff 10 Flagstaff was the first city in the world to adopt a lighting ordinance to protect dark skies, in 1958. It's now an International Dark Sky City.
↑ R66 10/11 Kingman 11 Kingman preserves the longest remaining drivable stretch of original Route 66 asphalt in existence.	↑ R66 11/11 Santa Monica 12 The Santa Monica Pier sign marks the official western terminus of Route 66, 2448 miles from Chicago.	↓ BRP 1/11 Front Royal VA 12 Skyline Drive through Shenandoah has a strict 35 mph speed limit, slow enough that deer cause more accidents than the curves do.	↓ BRP 2/11 Charlottesville 11 Jefferson designed Monticello's dome room but never finished it; it was essentially inaccessible and used mainly for storage.	↓ BRP 3/11 Roanoke 10 The star on Mill Mountain is 88.5 feet tall, visible 60 miles away, and has been lighting up since 1949.
↓ BRP 4/11 Floyd 9 Floyd County has more musicians per capita than almost anywhere in America; the Friday Night Jamboree has run weekly since 1982.	↓ BRP 5/11 Galax 8 Galax hosts the world's oldest and largest Old Time fiddlers' convention every August, going strong since 1935.	↓ BRP 6/11 Sparta NC 7 Despite its name, the New River is one of the oldest rivers in the world, estimated at 10 to 360 million years old, older than the Appalachians.	↓ BRP 7/11 Blowing Rock 6 The Blowing Rock has an updraft so strong that lightweight objects thrown off blow back up, inspiring a Cherokee legend.	↓ BRP 8/11 Grandfather Mtn 5 The Mile High Swinging Bridge sits at exactly 5,280 feet elevation and sways noticeably in wind, though it can hold 100 people.

↓ BRP 9/11 Linville Falls 4 Linville Gorge below the falls is called "the Grand Canyon of the East"; it drops 2,000 feet in under 12 miles.	↓ BRP 10/11 Asheville 3 The Biltmore Estate has 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces, and is still privately owned by the Vanderbilt family.	↓ BRP 11/11 Cherokee NC 2 The outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" has been performed in Cherokee every summer since 1950, telling the story of the Trail of Tears.	↓ GC 1/11 South Padre Island 12 South Padre is the nesting ground for the Kemp's ridley sea turtle, the rarest sea turtle in the world.	↓ GC 2/11 Corpus Christi 11 The USS Lexington was nicknamed "The Blue Ghost" by Tokyo Rose after being reported sunk four times during WWII.
↓ GC 3/11 Galveston 10 The 1900 Galveston Hurricane killed an estimated 8,000-12,000 people; it remains the deadliest natural disaster in US history.	↓ GC 4/11 New Orleans 9 New Orleans uses above-ground tombs because the city sits below sea level; buried coffins would float up.	↓ GC 5/11 Biloxi 8 Biloxi's white sand beaches are actually imported; the natural shoreline is dark sand, and the white sand was trucked in during the 1950s.	↓ GC 6/11 Gulf Shores 7 Gulf Shores sits on the longest stretch of white quartz sand beach in the US; the quartz was carried down from the Appalachians over millions of years.	↓ GC 7/11 Pensacola 6 Pensacola is home to the Blue Angels; you can watch them practice from the base beach on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
↓ GC 8/11 St. Pete Beach 5 The flamingo-pink Don CeSar Hotel served as a WWII Army Air Force convalescent center and has been a Gulf Coast landmark since 1928.	↓ GC 9/11 Sarasota 4 John Ringling of circus fame left his entire estate, including a world-class art collection, to the state of Florida when he died.	↓ GC 10/11 Naples 3 Naples has more golf holes per capita than anywhere else in the US, over 90 courses for a city of just 22,000 people.	↓ GC 11/11 Key West 2 Key West is closer to Havana, Cuba (90 miles) than to Miami (160 miles), and is the southernmost point in the continental US.	