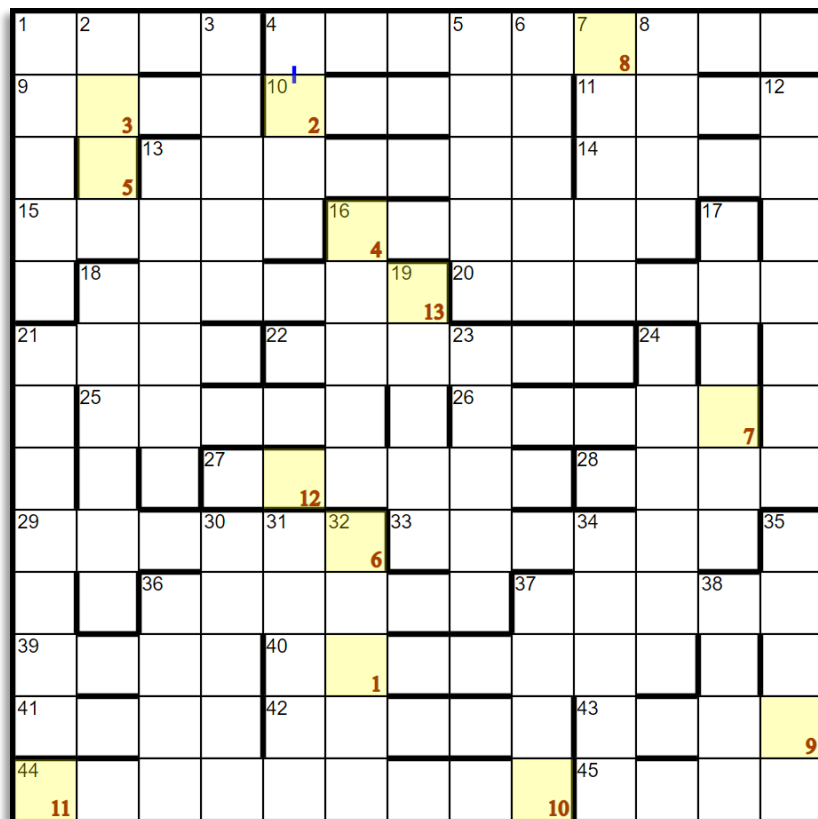


# Treasure Map

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*This is rather strange for a pirate's treasure map. It seems rather cryptic, but perhaps it can help you find the treasure!*



## Across:

1. Your spirit is terribly lousy? Not entirely! (4)
4. I help oxen warped by one with strange friends. (9)
9. I am going back around ten to get a long dress. (4)
10. Ren ejects from maneuver, turning purple. (5)
11. Chooses spinning tops. (4)
13. Dances over to partner's child. (7)
14. Helpful utensil found in hollow toadstool. (4)
15. Wood used to make Kafka's pencil. (5)
16. Adrien danced when it came down. (6)
18. Warning! The rat had a heart transplant! (6)
20. According to Spooner, Lee ducks the best. (6)

21. Sketched detective Nancy. (4)
22. Beautifies even as angry old man flips. (6)
25. Investigators rarely ask questions involving leaders of the Middle East. (5)
26. Strive to decapitate Rex and Bert. (5)
27. Heard composer Johann Sebastian croon about prizefighting. (6)
28. Sore about products of mine. (4)
29. Cuckoo roosts on trunks. (6)
33. Mixing acid and scrubbing a revealing photograph. (6)
36. Uh, Paul, I hear, is overcome with horror. (6)
37. Shirtless Latina exercises on the veranda. (5)
39. Fraudster even pulls a trick. (4)
40. Former spouse you penalize for showing off. (7)
41. Work hard with 14A, but nothing is important at first. (4)
42. Get excited in some carousels. (5)
43. Challenge to lead a better life at last. (4)
44. Shaking an ax helps Greeks in military formations. (9)
45. Yearn unendingly for a period of time. (4)
5. Goose egg? Nothing is that shape! (5)
6. Tubes smuggled in open neckwear. (5)
7. Lodging in a hovel until five leave for a short time. (5)
8. One mixed-up dope almost was a player. (4)
12. Vessel wandering around east has slip covers. (7)
13. Gasp! He really has a ball! (6)
16. Root that half of radishes cross. (5)
17. Lexi lost her top, and Ted departed. (6)
18. Trot in, sort of like a sea-god. (6)
19. In Appomattox, icebergs are dangerous. (5)
21. Change crazy dictators and eliminate California! (7)
23. Learn about things related to the kidneys. (5)
24. Making mistakes when sampling another ringtone. (6)
30. Magical chant to put letters in order. (5)
31. A musical performance takes some cooperation. (5)
32. Boy takes ax to an Englishman of German descent. (5)
34. Fine! Dungeons & Dragons with Yvette first, but give back a diamond! (5)
35. Setter trades two 50s for a kiss at the social hour. (5)
36. Capitals of any state in Argentina where many Indians live. (4)
37. Even old ideas contain falsehoods. (4)
38. Restaurateur offers a distinctive atmosphere. (4)

## Down:

1. Oddly, summer air can leave a streak. (5)
2. Partially drenches mighty trees. (4)
3. Low-fat and right to measure. (5)
4. Superhero team consisting of ten guys. (1-3)



*A mysterious inscription is scrawled on the back. You can only hope that, with a little adjustment, what you found on the map can get be used with it to get you to the treasure at last...*

**Follow the finger bones**

**Look for a sign**

**Dodging any pursuers**

**Beware of lies**

**Make some updates**

**And enjoy your wine.**

**Sail to Hawaii**

**Give a thumbs up**

**And have your hair done.**

**When you hear sounds of displeasure,**

**Listen to some tunes,**

**Then take a bracing drink**

**And hoard your treasure!**