

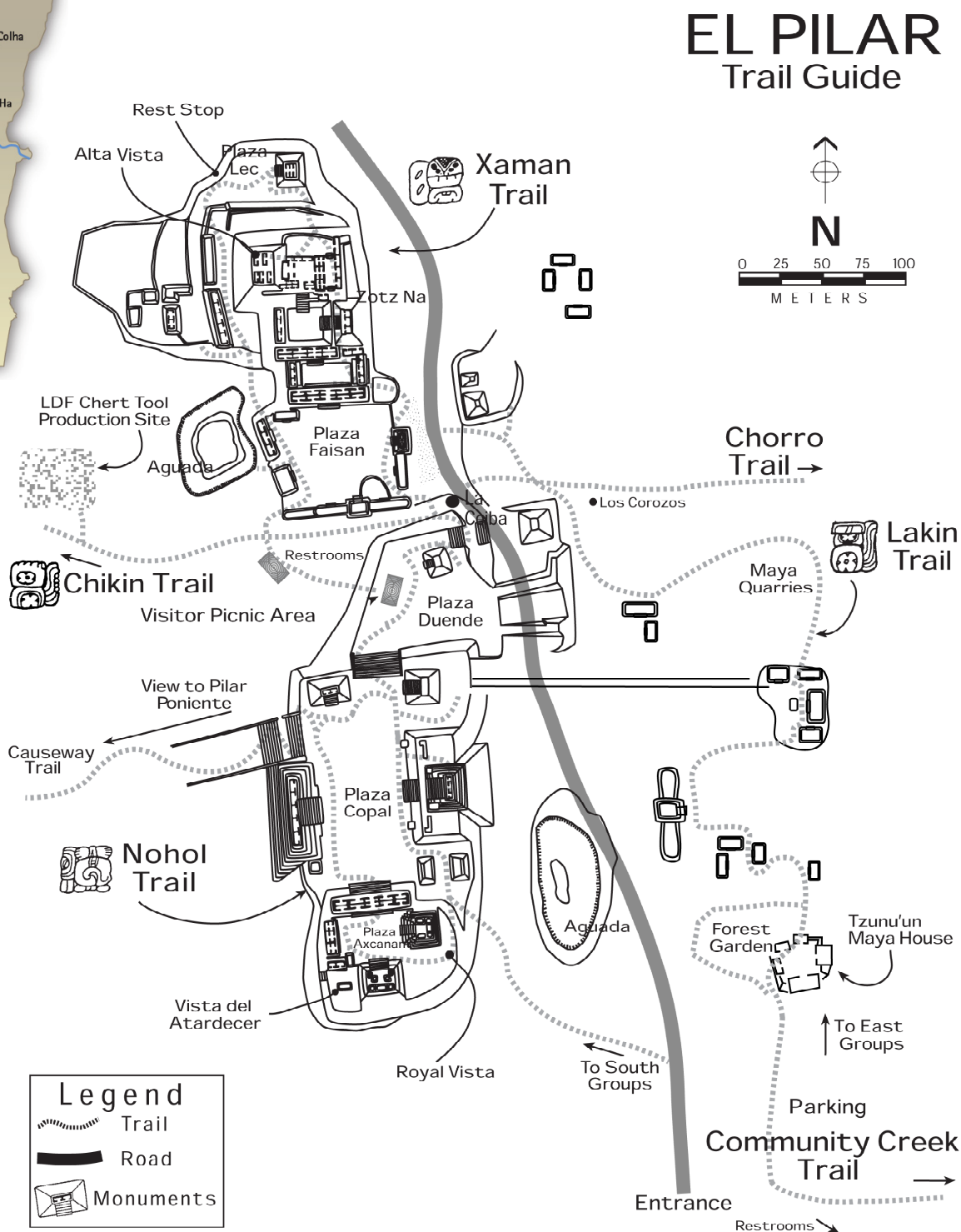


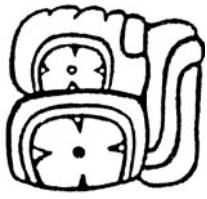
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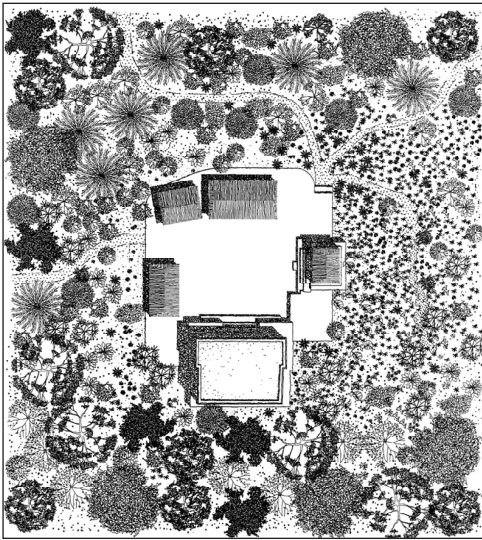
For centuries, dense forest has been the guardian of the ancient Maya city at El Pilar, on what is now the border of Belize and Guatemala. Imagine. Being able to step back in time and experience life in the jungle as the ancient Maya did. Enter their homes. Stroll their gardens. Encounter the native wildlife. This is the promise of El Pilar.





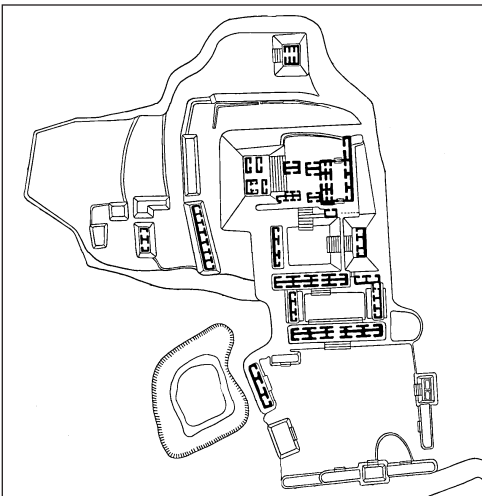
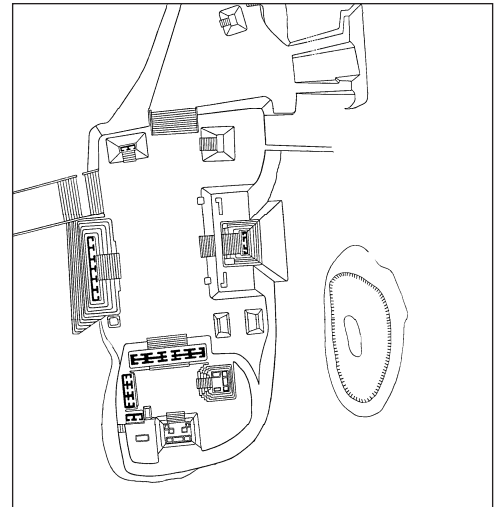
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LAKIN: The Eastern Maya Neighborhood of El Pilar takes you to the residential patio group, Tzunu'un, where you will recognize the human proportions of the domestic space. There are hundreds of residential units around El Pilar. Most are simple foundations supporting pole-and-thatch structures similar to those seen in the region today, built with materials from the Maya forest.

NOHOL: The large, open public plazas and massive public buildings of El Pilar provide an ideal gathering area for large important festivals. Imagine these areas without the sounds of birds and animals, but with music, conversation, and dance. We are reviving these ceremonial gatherings with the Fiesta El Pilar where we can celebrate our links to the Maya heritage of culture and nature in this living museum.



XAMAN: The northern power center of El Pilar is the H'mena, the place of the shaman. Focused on the private domains of El Pilar, this area is made up of tightly enclosed plaza spaces surrounded by temples and palaces. The restricted entrances and gradually increasing elevations makes this area a very exclusive and private area.