

Amazon Trail® II

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Version 1.0

This README file is provided as a reference document to items that may not be covered in the online Help or online User's Guide.

It contains:

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Installation Instructions:

- Insert the Amazon Trail II CD in your CD-ROM drive. Double-click on the Installer icon.
- Follow the on-screen prompts until the installation is complete.
- To start the program, double-click on the Amazon Trail II icon on your hard disk, keeping the CD in your CD-ROM drive.

MECC Tour Information

MECC Tour is a simple program designed to help access items on this CD. To use MECC Tour, put the Amazon Trail II CD into the computer. Double-click on the Amazon Trail II CD icon. When the window appears, double-click on the MECC Tour icon. Several options are available.

Amazon Trail® II screen

Install Amazon Trail II - Puts the necessary Amazon Trail II v1.0 files on your computer's hard drive.

Run Amazon Trail II - Starts the installed version of Amazon Trail II.

Note: Amazon Trail II v 1.0 must be installed on the hard drive before the product will launch.

View Readme File - Opens a file with additional information not contained in the user's manual. The file is opened in SimpleText (or TeachText). You

may access this file with any text editor.

Connect to Web Page - Launches your Internet web browser and connects to the MECC home page.

If you are using Internet Config 1.1 or higher, the Browser (HTTP helper) application listed there will be used. Internet Config is a popular freeware application which helps configure common settings used by many Macintosh Internet applications.

If you are not using Internet Config, you will be asked to locate your browser application the first time you choose to connect to the web page. To change your browser choice, delete the "MECC Tour Prefs" file located in a MECC folder inside the System's Preference Folder. The next time you choose to "Connect to Web Page" you may select the new browser.

If you have problems connecting directly to the web page, exit MECC Tour, launch your browser then open one of the listed URLs.

MECC Home Page = <http://www.mecc.com>

MECC Product Forum = <http://www.mecc.com/products/products.html>

Note: If you use a modem to connect to the Internet, remember to disconnect after quitting the browser.

Exit - Quits the MECC Tour.

Main screen of Amazon Trail II:

•On the main screen of Amazon Trail II there are three options: New Quest, Load Quest, and High Score.

New Quest - Begins a new trail adventure. You will start off in the city of Belém, where you will have to pick 1 of 4 guides, and also pick 1 of 4 packs of supplies.

Load Quest - Click here to continue a previously saved game.

(**** NOTE **** SAVED GAMES ****)

You can only save your game when you are traveling on the river. You CANNOT save

your game while visiting cities and landmarks, exploring the rainforest, or fishing.

High Score - You can only get into the High Score list by reaching

Vilcabamba.

Hardware Requirements:

68040 required (Performa® 575) or greater
System 7.1 or later
8MB RAM required
13" or larger color display required (640x480x256 colors)
Hard Disk space required
Double-Speed CD-ROM drive required

Troubleshooting Tips

- If you receive an error when starting Amazon Trail II, (The application "Amazon Trail II" could not be opened because "QuickTimeLib" could not be found.) this error is caused by the preferred size of the application exceeding the size of the Largest Unused Block on your computer.

To check this: Restart your machine, click on the Apple icon in the top lefthand corner, then click on About This Macintosh. Check the number that is to the right of the words Largest Unused Block. (On my computer that number is 5,216 kb.) Now subtract 500 from that number and you get approximately 4700.

Close this window, then find the Amazon Trail II application on your hard drive. Click once on the application to highlight it and go up to FILE, then select GET INFO. At the bottom of the GET INFO window is a suggested size, a minimum size and a preferred size. Delete the number in the preferred size box and type the number that you figured above (largest unused block - 500). So using the example above, I would type 4700. Be careful not to type a number which is below the minimum size. If the minimum size was 4800 on the application I would have to put 4800 in the preferred size instead of 4700.

Close this window and double-click on the Amazon Trail II icon to launch the program. You should no longer receive the QuickTimeLib error message.

- If you have trouble running the program from MECC Tour, verify that Amazon Trail II is installed on the hard drive. If the program is installed, exit MECC Tour then launch from the hard drive.
- If you have difficulty starting Amazon Trail II from a saved game, try dragging and dropping the saved game icon onto the Amazon Trail II

application icon.

- Amazon Trail II uses QuickHelp (which is an independent application) to provide on-line help. Help is available outside of Amazon Trail II by opening the Data folder on the Amazon Trail II CD-ROM. Open the Help.hlp folder and then the MacHelp folder. Double-click on Amztrlii.hlp.
- If you attempt to access Help but it doesn't appear, you may not have enough memory to open the QuickHelp application. Try quitting applications that may be running in the background.
- The introductory movie may act erratically depending on the performance of your particular hardware setup, especially "lower-end" CPUs. This erratic behavior may include the sound cutting out momentarily and the graphic transitions being "less than smooth."
- Amazon Trail II runs best in 256 color mode.

Tips to improve performance:

- Turn off File Sharing and/or Virtual Memory
- Turning off Sound will improve performance, but greatly diminish the experience.

How to Contact Technical Support

MECC Technical Support is available through the following:

E-Mail. When sending a technical support request via e-mail, please be sure to include detailed information about the problem you are having and include the following:

(Example)

Platform: Macintosh®

Computer Type/Model: Performa® 6115CD

Operating System: System 7.5

RAM: 8 Meg

3rd Party Programs: At Ease

Contact MECC Technical Support via e-mail at:

America Online: keyword MECC

CompuServe Forum: GO SOFTKEY

Internet: support@softkey.com

World-Wide-Web: <http://www.mecc.com> (look for the Support icon)

MECC Technical Support via human beings:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Telephone: (423) 670-2036. Fax: (423) 670-2021.

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