SCAVENGER HUNT

A HOLLYWOOD MISSION

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Agents: nothing up my sleeve but six clues and an adventure! Secret letters spell my magic word.

WHERE	WALK OR BIKE	COST	AGES
Hollywood Cemetery	**Up to 2 mi, hilly**	**Free**	6–8 · 9–10

1 DOGGED SEARCH FOR CLUES

at a Western branch of Cedar

I'm black as coal and made of iron,
I never blink and never roam.
I keep my watch through sun and snow,
This hill will always be my home.

I stand steadfast on my ... ☐☐☐☐

2 WHAT WOOD YOU NAME IT?

Look for this along the walk to 3

I grow all around and the cemetery is named after me! Follow the arrows from the star to spell me.

L	F	E	E
L	E	R	T
W	☆H	L	Y
G	O	L	E

1↓ 4→ 7↑
2→ 5↑ 8→
3↑ 6←

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3 BEHIND IRON GATES

a POOL along Westvale

Legend has it that a mythical creature hides here and its fangs are carved above.

YOU CAN'T SEE ME IN A MIRROR

What am I? ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

4 A CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM OVERLOOK

Seek this clue along the Waterview

I am loud and my bed is always wet. My name is scrambled below:

Unscramble **V R E I R** ☐☐☐☐☐

Which direction am I? (secret letter!)

☐ N ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W

Halfway there! Maybe have some water and snack with a view.

5 STUMP'LE BY THE LLOYDS

East of Tyler; South of Main

Look for a tree that is branchless, gray, and stark
Surrounded by logs, mushrooms grow on my bark
My gravestones are what you see in this family plot
My family and I rest in this Hollywood spot
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Who am I?

My first initial is your next secret letter! _____

6 OFF TO EGYPT.. KINDA

A large monument just North of clue 1

What is the large monument?

19 20 15 14 5 16 25 18 1 13 9 4

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CODE KEY

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10	K 11	L 12	M 13
N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18	S 19	T 20	U 21	V 22	W 23	X 24	Y 25	Z 26

7 THE GRAND FINALE

Gather your secret letters (the gold boxes and the secret-letter questions) and unscramble my magic word!

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☆ MAGIC!!

DATE _____

AGENTS _____

Answers and grown-up facts are on the back.

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PARENT CHEAT SHEET

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BEFORE YOU GO

- **Look, don't touch.** No climbing or rubbings.
- **Biking?** Paved roads only, no racing. Walkers go first.
- **Active cemetery:** give funerals and families space.
- **Open daily 8am–5pm,** to 6pm in daylight saving time.
- **Bring water and a snack.** Take every wrapper home.
- **Restrooms at the main gate only.**

READ NEXT

GHOSTS OF BELLE ISLE

by Steven K. Smith

A Richmond mystery for ages 7–12 that visits Hollywood Cemetery, pyramid and all. Borrow it from your library or find it at a local bookstore.

1 THE IRON DOG

Where: From the entrance, go downhill, then right at the 1st fork and straight-right up the hill onto Western Ave. He's on your left.

Quick details: This black iron dog has kept watch on this hill since the 1860s. Visitors leave coins, shells and small toys at his paws.

Ask more: How he got here is genuinely a mystery! No one saw it happen. How do you think?

Puzzle hint: Dogs feet could also be called paws.

2 THE HOLLY TREES

Where: All along the paths.

Quick details: Hollies grow red berries from fall through winter. They're poisonous to people but not birds.

Ask more: Did you know that only the female trees produce berries?

Puzzle hint: Follow the number arrows from the star HOL...

3 THE "VAMPIRE" TOMB

Where: Along Westvale Ave heading south towards the river. Labelled on Google Maps as William Wortham Pool.

Quick details: The "fangs" are W. W. Pool's initials. His 1913 tomb has an Egyptian look.

Ask more: Mr. Pool was a bookkeeper who counted all day, like Sesame Street's Count. As the story goes, a fanged creature hid in here one night after an explosion. Did you see anything?

Puzzle hint: Dracula can't be seen in mirrors.

4 PALMER CHAPEL

Where: Walk toward the river near Davis Circle. It's a large, modern building with an excellent view.

Quick details: Built in 1992, one of the newest buildings here. The stone overlooks were built for the view. If the doors are open, peek quietly at the river and stained glass.

Ask more: Look away from the river and find the presidents circle with the "birdcage" memorial.

Puzzle hint: The river is south of this cemetery.

5 THE STONE TREE STUMPS

Where: Travel North along Tyler Ave from the President's circle. The plot is slightly off the road along a grass path.

Quick details: Each stump has a carved stone name scroll

Ask more: What's your favorite interesting detail? I like the little mushrooms and attention to detail.

Puzzle hint: Look for the initials on the front of the plot area.

6 THE GRANITE PYRAMID

Where: Walk past the dog. You'll see the pyramid as you get closer.

Quick details: It's 90 feet tall, about as tall as a 9-story building, and its stones are stacked with no glue or mortar.

Ask more: If allowed, how much fun would climbing to the top be?

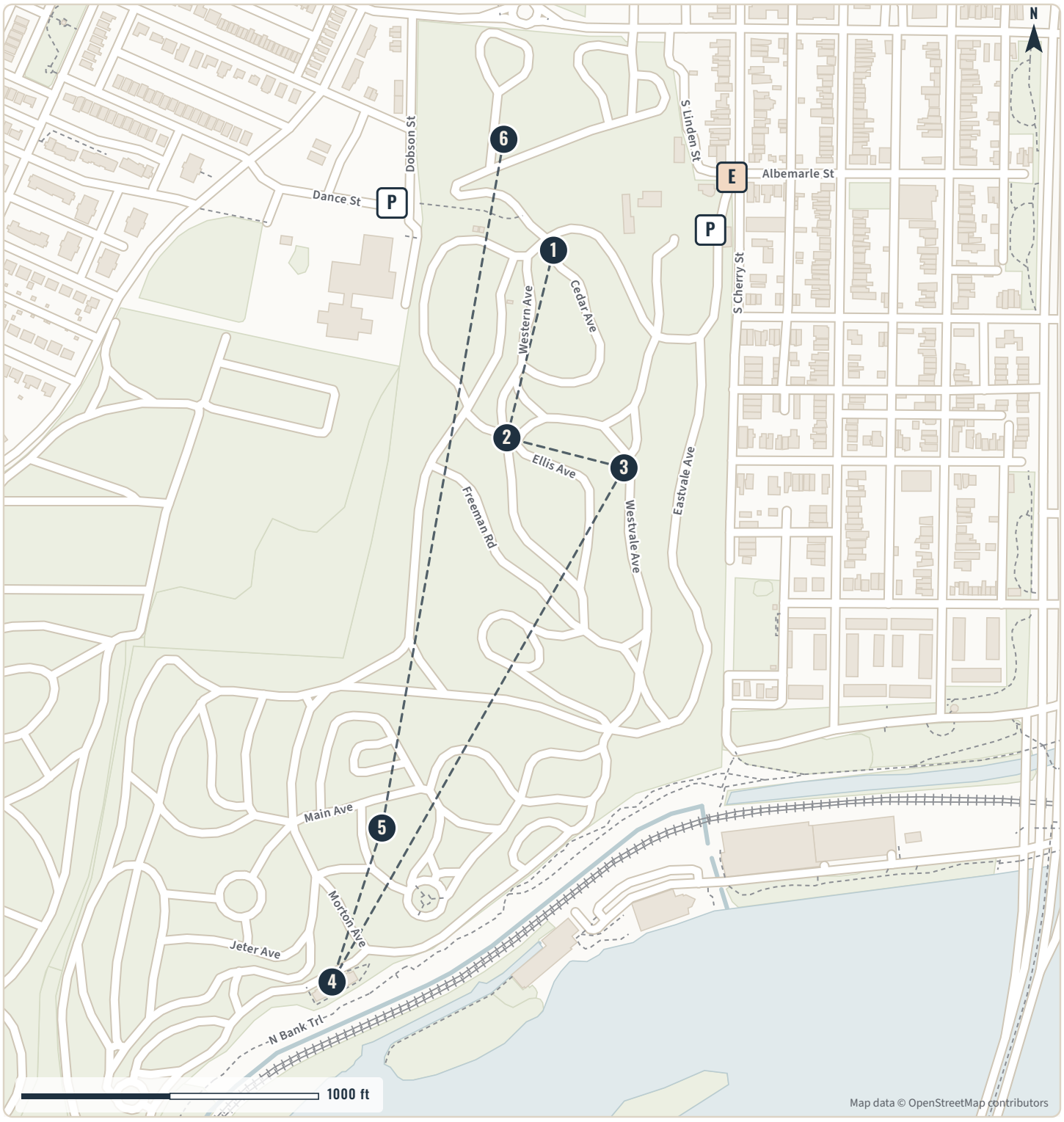
Puzzle hint: Back near the first clue (and parking). Granite is a type of stone.

ANSWER KEY

Clue 1: PAWS (secret: P)
Clue 2: HOLLY TREE (secret: R)
Clue 3: VAMPIRE (secret: E)
Clue 4: RIVER · S (secret: S)
Clue 5: T (secret: T)
Clue 6: STONE PYRAMID (secret: O)
Clue 7: PRESTO

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Dashed line shows the order, not the path. Stay on paths and roads.

DIRECTIONS TO EVERY STOP

Scan once at the start and keep the page open. Tap a stop for directions in Apple Maps or Google Maps.