SCAVENGER HUNT

THE HOLLYWOOD HUNT

Abracadabra! Find it, count it, draw it. Take turns with the pencil.

RVA FAM PLANS

WHERE	WALK OR BIKE	COST	AGES
Hollywood Cemetery	**About 1 mi, hilly**	**Free**	3–5 · 6–8

1 THE MAGIC METAL DOG
The Iron Dog

Find it: a black metal dog sitting on the hill, where Western Ave. meets Cedar Ave.

My first trick: this dog has not moved in over 150 years! Can YOU freeze like a statue while a grown-up counts to 5?

What color is the magic dog?

☐ Black ☐ Red ☐ Gray

2 A CUT OF HISTORY
The White Oak Stump Grave

Find it: A giant tree stump which has been carved to be a gravestone, just for the tree! It's down where Freeman hits Westvale.

Read closely... this oak was here before America was a country. Stretch your arms as wide as the stump!

What grows on oak trees?

☐ Acorns ☐ Pinecones ☐ Berries

3 NOTHING IN THIS HAT
William Charters

Find it: a tall stone pillar on Circular Ave with a hat carved on top.

What kind of hat is it?

☐ Magic Crown ☐ Fire Helmet

☐ Bread Hat

Halfway, magicians: water and snack break.

4 WHAT IS IN A NAME
along the walk to hunt item 4

Find it: a tree with shiny, spiky green leaves. Look, but don't pick, and never eat the berries.

DRAW A HOLLY LEAF

5 THE GIANT STONE TRICK
The Pyramid

Find it: a giant pointy mountain made of big gray stone blocks.

The trick: nothing except gravity holds it together!

How many sides does it have? ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Is it taller than your house? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 BIG KID BONUS
Magic math

Abraca-add-it!

Dog legs + pyramid sides + fire hats found _____

^^ THE NUMBER OF ACORNS ^^
THAT BONKED ME ON MY HEAD
WHILE MAKING THIS HUNT

COMPLETE!

DATE _____

MAGICIANS _____

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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 gate, go downhill, right on Western Ave. and up the hill. He's on your left at Cedar Ave.

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

Ask more: He's cast iron. How he got here is a mystery!

Puzzle hint: While the dog was recently repainted in 2026, it may have faded from black to gray

2 THE WHITE OAK STUMP

Where: About 600 yards south of the dog, in Long Bottom near Freeman Rd. and Westvale Ave.

Quick details: It sprouted around 1770, six years before the Declaration of Independence. Arborist Jake Van Yahres counted its rings and designed the cemetery's first "tree headstone."

Ask more: Imagine how tall this tree was! I bet there was a squirrel city in it.

3 THE FIREFIGHTER'S HELMET

Where: About 150 yards west of the stump, on Circular Ave.: a tall pillar with a helmet on top.

Quick details: A fire chief's helmet carved in stone sits on top of a tall pillar, with crossed fire-hose nozzles and a fire horn.

Ask more: Can you believe he used that helmet? Pretty heavy to wear. JK

4 THE HOLLY TREES

Where: All along the walk.

Quick details: Hollywood is named for the holly trees on its hills.

Ask more: Only female hollies grow berries, red from fall through winter. They're poisonous to people: so look, don't pick.

Puzzle hint: Holly trees are throughout the facility, they may not have berries, but will have glossy leaves

5 THE GRANITE PYRAMID

Where: North, near the dog. Face away from him: it's on your right.

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: One man set the top stone and was set free. How hard was it to climb allll the way up there?!

6 BIG KID BONUS

Puzzle hint: The number of each item. 4, 4, 1

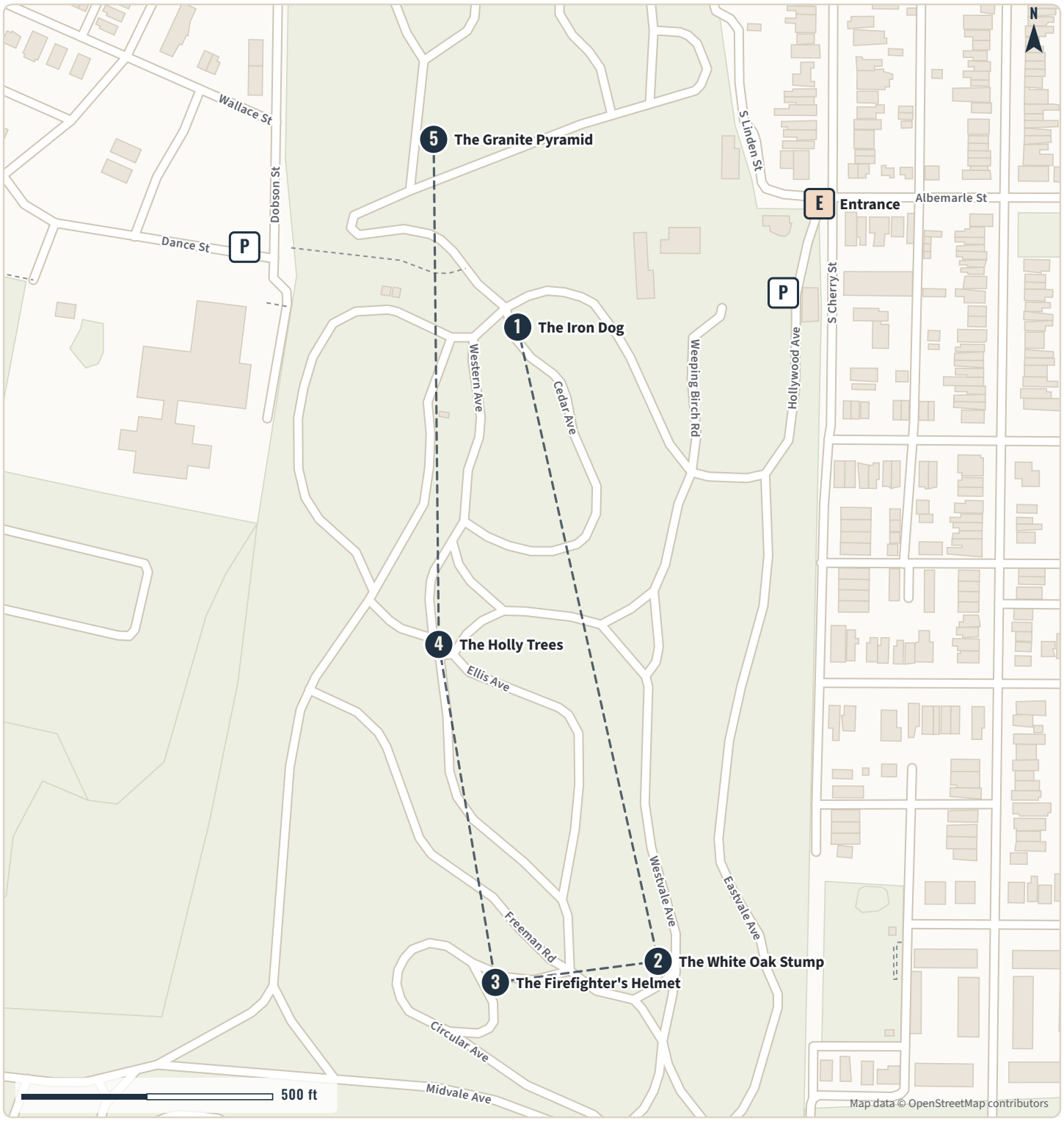
ANSWER KEY

Clue 1: Black
Clue 2: Acorns
Clue 3: Fire Helmet
Clue 5: 4 · Yes
Clue 6: 9 · ^^ THE NUMBER OF ACORNS ^^ THAT BONKED ME ON MY HEAD WHILE MAKING THIS HUNT

Counting and drawing answers change with the season and the kid. Anything they create counts!!

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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.