

A HOLLYWOOD MISSION

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

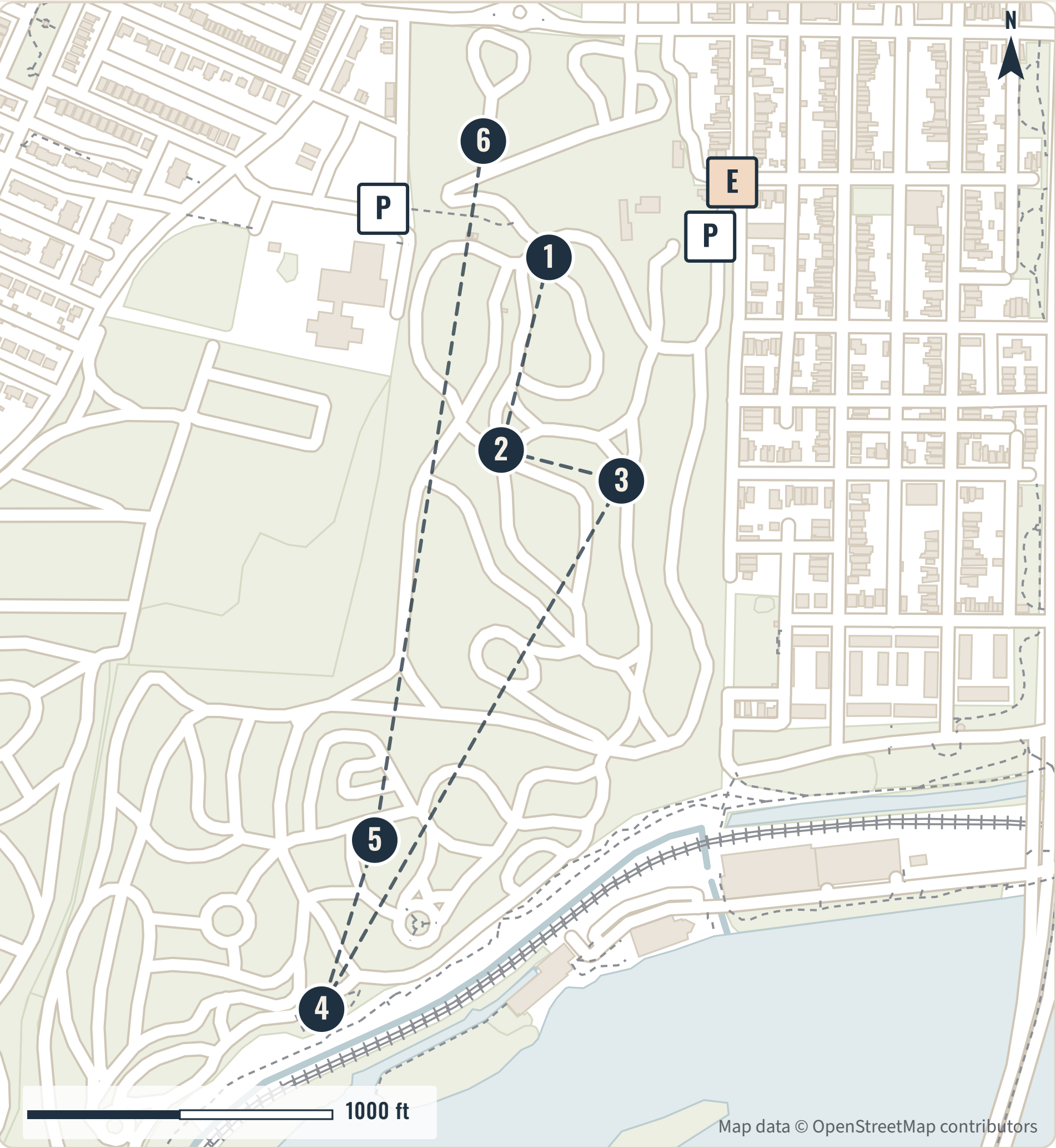
 WHERE Hollywood Cemetery	 WALK OR BIKE Up to 2 mi, hilly
 COST Free	 AGES 6-8 9-10

JUMP TO

CLUES >

PARENT NOTES >

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

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1

DOGGED SEARCH FOR CLUES

at a Western branch of Cedar

PARENT TIP >

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.

Visitors leave toys at my...

2

WHAT WOOD YOU NAME IT?

Look for this along the walk to 3

PARENT TIP >

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

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BEHIND IRON GATES

a POOL along Westvale

PARENT TIP >

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

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You won't see this in a mirror

4

A CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM OVERLOOK

Seek this clue along the Waterview

PARENT TIP >

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

Unscramble **V R E I R**: what's down below?

Which direction am I? (secret letter!)

N

S

E

W

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

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STUMP'LE BY THE LLOYDS

East of Tyler; South of Main

PARENT TIP >

Look for a tree that is branchless, gray, and stark
Surrounded by logs, mushrooms grow on my bark
My gravestones are what you think 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

PARENT TIP >

What is the large monument?

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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

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THE GRAND FINALE

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



DATE _____

AGENTS _____

MAKE YOUR STICKER >

Share it to your Story and tag @rvaFamPlans.

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BEFORE YOU GO

- **Look, don't touch.** No climbing or rubbings.
- **Stay on roads and paths,** kids beside you. Cars use them too.
- **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

< CLUE 1

ANSWERS >

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! Thoughts?

Puzzle hint: Dogs have paws instead of feet.

2

THE HOLLY TREES

< CLUE 2

ANSWERS >

Where: All along the paths.

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

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

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

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THE "VAMPIRE" TOMB

< CLUE 3

ANSWERS >

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.

Puzzle hint: Read it backwards. Vampires can't be seen in mirrors.

4



PALMER CHAPEL

< CLUE 4

ANSWERS >

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

Ask more: The stone overlooks were built for the view. If the doors are open, peek quietly at the river and stained glass.

Puzzle hint: The river is south of this cemetery.

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THE STONE TREE STUMPS

< CLUE 5

ANSWERS >

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 is the most interesting detail? I like the little mushrooms and attention to detail.

Puzzle hint: Look for T. S. LLOYD on the front of the plot area.

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THE GRANITE PYRAMID

< CLUE 6

ANSWERS >

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