

THE HOLLYWOOD HUNT

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

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

JUMP TO

CLUES >

PARENT NOTES >

Taps work in Safari, Chrome, Files and Google Drive. In Instagram or Facebook, open this PDF in your browser.



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

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1



THE MAGIC METAL DOG

The Iron Dog

PARENT TIP >

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



PEDESTAL OF WISDOM

The White Oak Stump Grave

PARENT TIP >

Find it: a giant tree stump carved into a gravestone, just for the tree! It's down in the low, flat valley.

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

PARENT TIP >

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.

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WHAT IS IN A NAME

along the walk to hunt item 4

PARENT TIP >

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



DRAW A HOLLY LEAF AND COUNT ITS POINTY TIPS

Draw it on paper or snap a photo.

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THE GIANT STONE TRICK

The Pyramid

PARENT TIP >

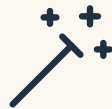
Find it: a giant pointy mountain made of big gray stone blocks.

The trick: nothing but 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

PARENT TIP >

Abraca-add-it!

Dog legs + pyramid sides + fire hats _____

THAT FELT ON MY HEAD HERE ^^
THE NUMBER OF ACORNS



DATE

MAGICIANS

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 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!

2

THE WHITE OAK STUMP

< CLUE 2

ANSWERS >

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

Quick details: This white oak lived 254 years. When it died in 2024, its stump was carved into a headstone for the tree itself.

Ask more: 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."

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THE FIREFIGHTER'S HELMET

< CLUE 3

ANSWERS >

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: William Charters was Richmond's fire chief. He didn't die in a fire: he was killed in the 1870 collapse of a crowded gallery at the State Capitol.

4



THE HOLLY TREES

< CLUE 4

ANSWERS >

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: look, don't pick.

Puzzle hint: Count the tips on just one leaf.

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THE GRANITE PYRAMID

< CLUE 5

ANSWERS >

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: Finished in 1869, in memory of the Confederate soldiers buried around it. One prisoner set the top stone and was set free.

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BIG KID BONUS

< CLUE 6

ANSWERS >

Puzzle hint: The number of each item.

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ANSWER KEY

Clue 1: Black

Clue 2: Acorns

Clue 3: Fire Helmet

Clue 5: 4 · Yes

Clue 6: 9 · ^^ THE NUMBER OF ACORNS THAT FELL ON MY HEAD HERE

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