GNOMES IN THE PARKS

A fun-filled scavenger hunt for everyone!

10 mischievous gnomes are hiding all around the parks and trails in Decorah, enjoying the scenery and spying on the passing park users.

How many can you find?

HOW TO JOIN IN

- Explore the parks and trails to find the hiding gnomes. Every gnome has parking within walking distance, but some are closer than others. The map shows each gnome's general location and the clues will help you find its exact hiding spot. The map explains each gnome's difficultly level and has mileage markers to help you decide which ones are best for you to find.
- When you find a gnome, fill in the secret word to show us that you've found it. **Please place the gnome back where you found it after you have your answer. DO NOT TAKE THE GNOMES.**
- Take a picture for the photo contest! Explore beyond where the gnome is hidden to experience other awesome features of the parks and trails around Decorah and Freeport.
- When you've found as many gnomes as you can, return this sheet to the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce to be entered in a drawing for great prizes! Each person in a group gets to enter their name in the drawing. Find more gnomes for more entries!

Entries for raffles must be submitted by 2:00 pm on Saturday.

3 Gnomes = 1 entry/person
5 Gnomes = 2 entries/person
7 Gnomes = 3 entries/person
All 10 Gnomes = 5 entries/person.

CLUES AND PROOF QUESTIONS

Olav: Gnomes love a sweet treat, especially after a long day of playing. When they are hanging out at Whalen Cabin their favorite treat is a toasty s'more. Can you find the gnome getting ready to roast some marshmallows?

- Secret Word: _____

Harald: Gnomes love to walk the many trails of Decorah, especially overlooking the river on Dug Road. You can usually find at least one in the company of a dancing girl along the trails.

- Secret Word: _____

Arvid: Dunning Springs is a popular location for tourists, locals, and gnomes alike. Can you find the gnome reading up on the history of Dunning Springs waterfall and fancy stone bridge?

- Secret Word: _____

Henrik: Henrik is buying some food to feed the trout. See if you can find him and grab some food to feed the fish yourself!

- Secret Word: _____

Rolf: The gnomes love to find ways to cool off in the summer heat. During Nordic Fest, you can find them cooling off near the entrance of this famous Decorah cave.

- Secret Word: _____

Tor: Gnomes love the snow! One of their favorite activities is sledding. Even though it is hot out now and there is no snow in sight, can you find the place at Will Baker Park where they sled all winter?

- Secret Word: _____

Nils: Nils is tired after a long bike ride across Trout Run Trail! He just went over a huge bridge and is looking for a shady spot where he can stop and eat. Can you find the shelter where this tired gnome stopped?

- Secret Word: _____

Hans: Gnomes love all of the trout streams in Winneshiek County! Hans' favorite place to fish is over the bike trail at Trout Run Park. Can you find him trying to catch the biggest fish of them all?

- Secret Word: _____

Soren: Gnomes enjoy looking out from Phelps Park to see the beautiful river, prairie, and town. Check out this gnome's view!

- Secret Word: _____

Ivar: Freeport Park looks like an irresistible place to play for gnomes and people! Can you find where this little gnome is hiding and discover his secret stash of books?

- Secret Word: _____

PRIZE DETAILS

Participation prizes will be drawn starting at 2:15 pm on Saturday at the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce. Participants need not be present to win. Prize winners will be posted at the Chamber Office and contacted by phone. Prizes will be available for pickup at the Chamber Office during their business hours. Any prizes not collected by Monday evening will be mailed to recipients.

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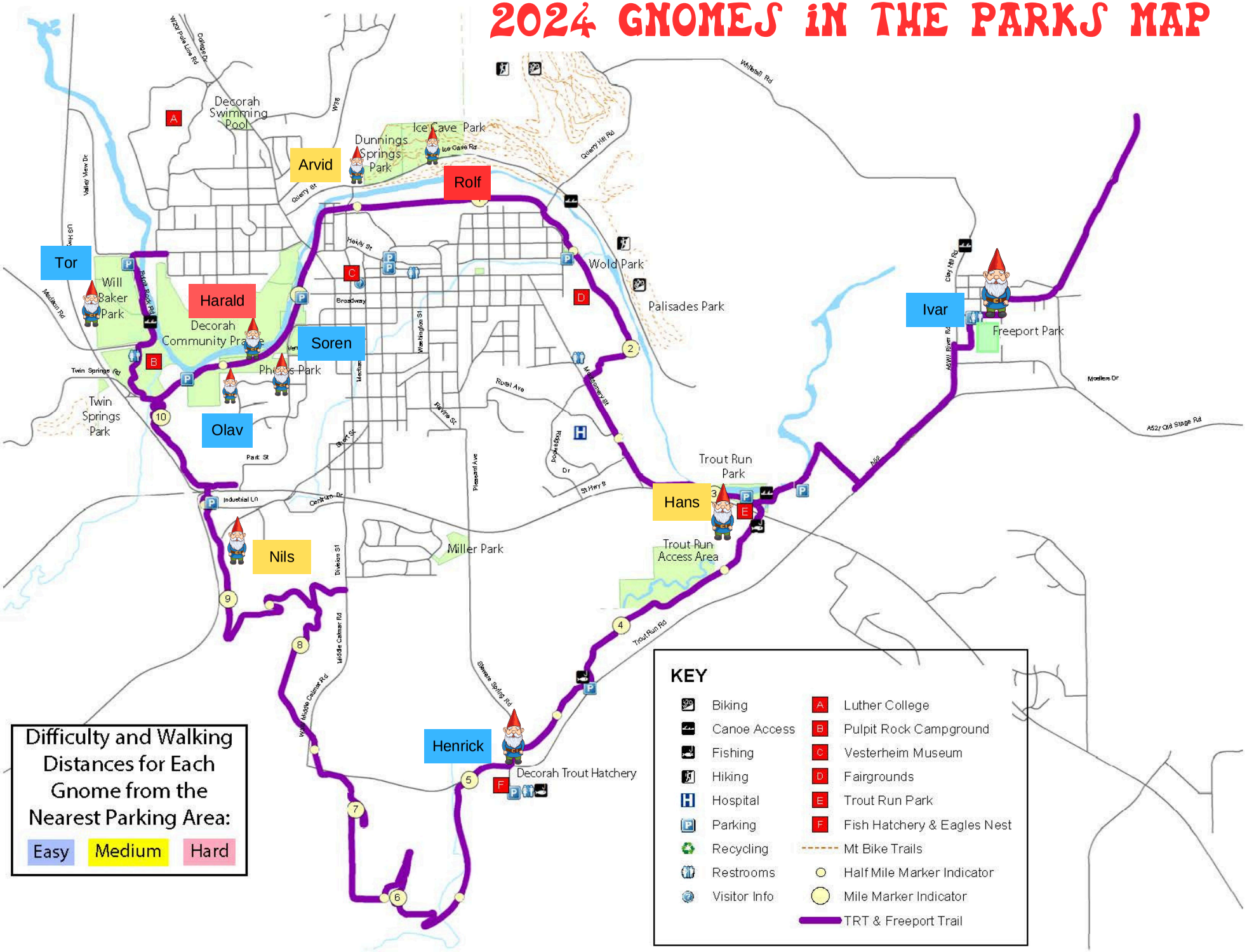
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