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 sheet with a minimum of 3 gnomes found gets an entry into the drawing. Find more gnomes for more fun!

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

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

CLUES AND PROOF QUESTIONS

Olaf: Olaf is trying to get out of the summer heat, he had to hike up a few hills but he found a cool cave, literally. Can you meet him at the steps up to this cave?

- Secret Word: _____

Harald: Harald loves to spend his hot summer days fishing for his favorite fish, the rainbow trout. You can join him by the bridge at the Trout Run Access Area on your way to the fish hatchery.

- Secret Word: _____

Arvid: Arvid is enjoying all the nature Decorah has by going on a hike in Van Peenan Park. Right now he's thinking about building a fort in the pines!

- Secret Word: _____

Henrik: Henrik loves to look out over the river and all of Decorah up at Pulpit Rock, find him near the base to give you some hiking tips before you head up yourself.

- Secret Word: _____

Rolf: Rolf doesn't think he'll make it to see the Nordic Dancers this Fest but he did find his very own dance partner when he was walking the Dug Road trail. Can you find them dancing overlooking the river?

- Secret Word: _____

Tor: Tor loves combining cooling off from the summer heat and exercise by getting some swimming in. After his swim he usually relaxes out on a bench near the playground.

- Secret Word: _____

Nils: Nils loves playing volleyball with his friends on a hot summer day. If you want to join him, can you find this cabin with a sandy volleyball court at Phelps Park?

- Secret Word: _____

Hans: Hans is a historian, and has been studying Norwegian history at Vesterheim Museum for Nordic Fest. Now he's on a walk through Vesterheim's beautiful outdoor area, looking at the historic cabins.

- Secret Word: _____

Soren: Soren loves the feeling of soaring through the sky on his skate board. Can you find him chilling and taking a break from his cool moves?

- Secret Word: _____

Ivar: Ivar wanted to see what all was going on with Carlson Park. Can you find him navigating through the newly seeded prairie?

- 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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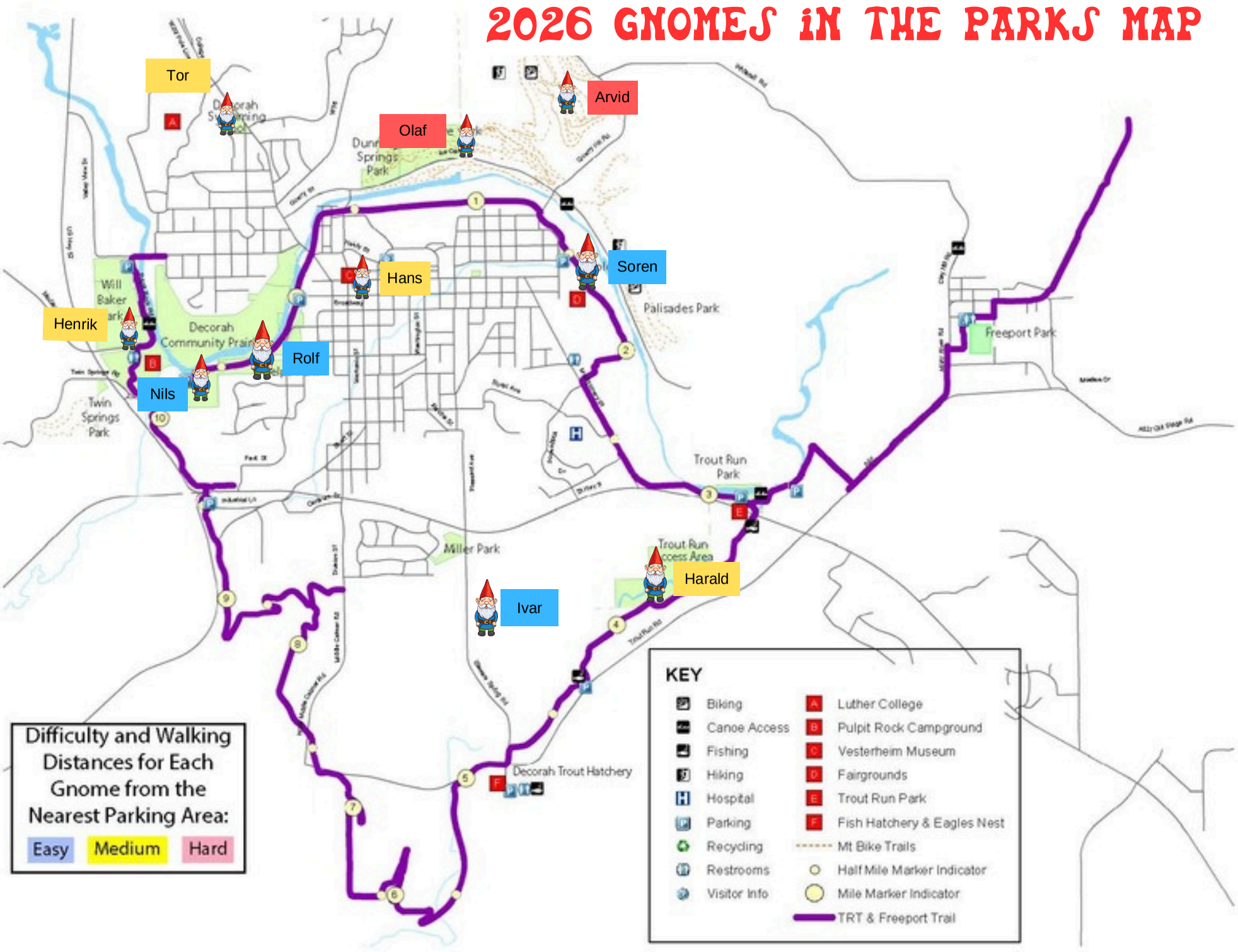
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