

Pirate Treasure Hunt

UPPER VALLEY EVENTS CENTER

Your Indoor & Outdoor Facility
Events • Meetings • Classes • Parties

Introduction - Should be read by a charismatic person.

10,000 years ago when glaciers covered New England, there was a lake covering the whole Upper Valley - It was called Lake Hitchcock. If the lake were here today, we would be at the bottom - yes underwater.

In those days, pirate ships sailed the waters of this Lake Hitchcock, raiding other ships and towns. Occasionally these pirate ships found treasure and carried it in their ships.

When the glaciers melted away, there was no more water to feed this lake and it started to dry up. One of the pirate captains was sailing for the ocean with a treasure chest in his pirate ship when he ran aground.

His vessel ran aground right in those trees over there. Point to the pirate ship.

His ship was stuck. So, he knew that he would have to bury his treasure nearby to keep it safe.

He left a map - here it is - and a set of instructions on how to find the buried treasure.

Your job today is to take this map and the clues he has left and follow each clue to the next clue. The final clue will lead you to the buried treasure.

Yes, there is a buried treasure chest here today and there you will get your own bag of treasure at the end of this hunt.

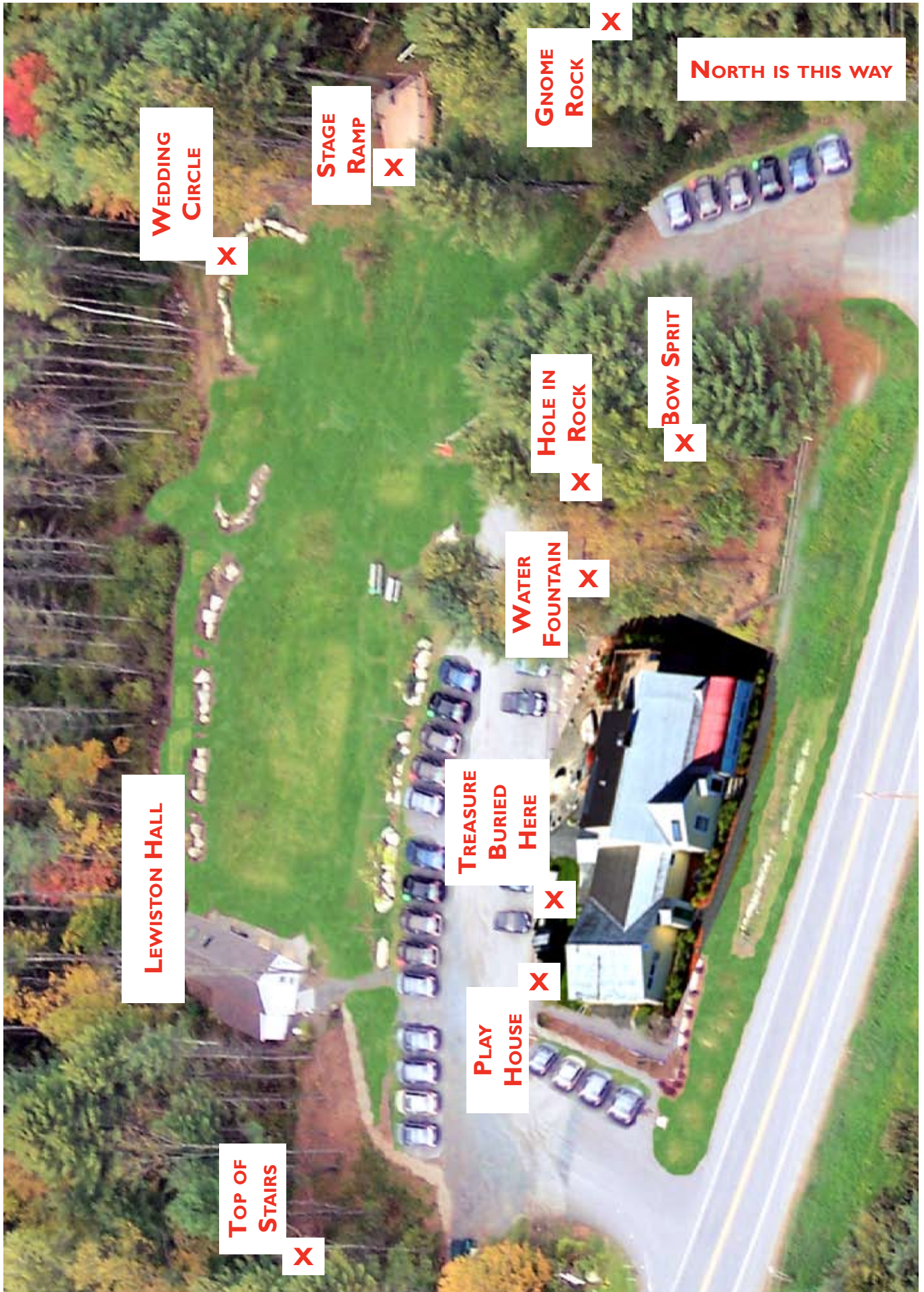
Planning Instructions

In advance, one or more parental units must place the clues themselves. Including filling the treasure chest with the loot and burying it. The treasure chest is a wooden box about the size of recycling bin, but not as tall. You will need to bury this bin in the sand before your party. The box is located in the lower level office of the Events Center - right at the foot of the stairs. Shovels are on site to the right of the blue door. If you can't find them, call Bruce at (603) 553 7977. Make all goody bags equal. Always have a few extras in there for the siblings who tag along sometimes.

Print out a couple copies of this map, and the clues. Place the clues in individual zip lock bags and bring tape.

It is important that you get them into the right places and in order. Plan to change the final clue if you are hiding the box other than in the sand box. If you have older children, have them be the clue readers.

Watch out as the children tend to run fast between clues and have been known to get hurt.



**WEDDING
CIRCLE**



**STAGE
RAMP**



**GNOME
ROCK**



NORTH IS THIS WAY

**HOLE IN
ROCK**



BOW SPRIT



**WATER
FOUNTAIN**



**TREASURE
BURIED
HERE**



LEWISTON HALL

**PLAY
HOUSE**



**TOP OF
STAIRS**



Starting Clue

Captain Cutlass found two holes in a rock, right near his ship. The first clue is in the upper hole.

Hole in Rock Clue

So you found holes in the rock - what do you think put the holes there? It was cannon balls from my ship - I had to fight off some sharks who were trying to get at my treasure.

Head towards where the sun would set in the summer. Look for a half-circle of rocks. In the summer there are flowers here. Climb over or walk around the rocks. On the back side is on larger rock with a water faucet hidden beside it. Here you will find the next clue.

Wedding Circle Water Faucet Clue

In the old days we used to drink from this when we were thirsty. But now I'm thinking I'm hungry. There is a place where in the height of summer, berries grow. Go across the field, beside the grey building and up a wood chip path is a set of wooden stairs leading to a field. In the old days there were pricker bushes with berries that we would eat or drag our enemies through. The next clue is at the top of these stairs.

Top of Stairs Clue

A long time ago, we sang and danced at night. Singing and dancing happens on a stage. Where at the Events Center do they do singing and dancing? I'll give you a hint - it has bench seats all around it and is brown colored. There is a clue somewhere on this place.

Stage Box Clue

There used to be a gnome who lived behind a moss and pine needle covered rock. This rock is down the conservation overlook trail - though not as far as the stream. Find the start of this trail on the back side of the grassy mound - behind the light pole by the tree there is a red and white sign. Once you find this, follow the miniature versions of this sign down the trail.

Gnome Rock Clue

Running all around the Events Center has gotten me and my fellow pirates thirsty. In the fenced-in play ground, there are two water fountains - look for a clue very near the northern-most fountain.

North Water Fountain Clue

Now you must take the shortest route back to my ship and find a clue hidden all the way forward - yes all the way at the end of the bowsprit.

Bow Sprit Clue

Now, I'm thinking it is time for treasure, but before you dig for the loot - you must check in at home, so to speak. Please proceed carefully to the Little Play house. Now, once you are there, your clue is in the cupboard.

Little Play House Clue

If you were to bury treasure, you might bury it in sand. Find a wooden frame around sand with wooden posts sticking up in each corner and dinosaur eggs scattered about. In the middle of this dig down with your hands and find your treasure.