

## Parizo's Prizes Quest

Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vermont

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Equipment Needed:** Cross country skis.

**Estimated Time:** 1 hour and a half

Open Winter Solstice through Vernal Equinox. You may want to bring a compass.

**How to get there:** Continue on 89N to **Vermont** exit 10 (Waterbury/Stowe). Turn right onto Route 100N at the end of the exit ramp. Continue N on Route 100 for approximately 7.5 miles Turn left on Moscow Road Continue one mile and turn right on Barrows Road. Continue on Barrows Road until you reach a three-way-stop - approximately one mile. Ten Acres lodge will be on your left. Turn left at stop sign and proceed approximately one mile up a steep, winding hill - Trapp Hill Road (follow the signs to Trapp Family Lodge) The Main Lodge Entrance will be on your right Grab a trail map at the Ski Center and follow Sugar Road to the Picnic Knoll.

### Clues:

This adventure begins at the Picnic Knoll site.  
Follow the clues and map to find a hidden treasure box.  
Discover wonderful things along the way!

Don't stop for lunch on your stroll  
Head North from Picnic Knoll

Make sure the trail you take is "up" Parizo  
If you don't, you'll be in for a surprizo!

Pace yourself, the climb starts here  
Check out the holey Maple as it comes near

The hard wood of this tree could make a chair  
It is deciduous, watch the leaves fall as you stare

Ski under the tree that looks like a willow  
It will let you pass if you're a nice fellow

Coming up the trails collide  
Notice the stonewall on your left side

In years past this made the land divided  
That's how property lines were decided

Check out this Evergreen, that has soft wood  
Putting it in your fireplace is no good

Follow the field of Spruce on your right  
Continue North to a new height

Pause in the tunnel of Hemlocks as you go  
Stay upright don't fall in the snow

Hemlocks are coniferous and keep their needles through the winter  
They are pretty and green, but hurt like a splinter

Into the sea of Birch colored white  
Don't miss the rock snowman opposite from your right

The bark comes off these trees like a banana's shell  
Use it for making beautiful pictures to sell

Finally at the top, you have a decision to make  
Don't leave the county or go "wild," it's the West road you take

Warmer and warmer the treasure is close  
Don't take Owl's Howl or you'll be toast

Between two benches like a boulder  
Upon rests a plaque

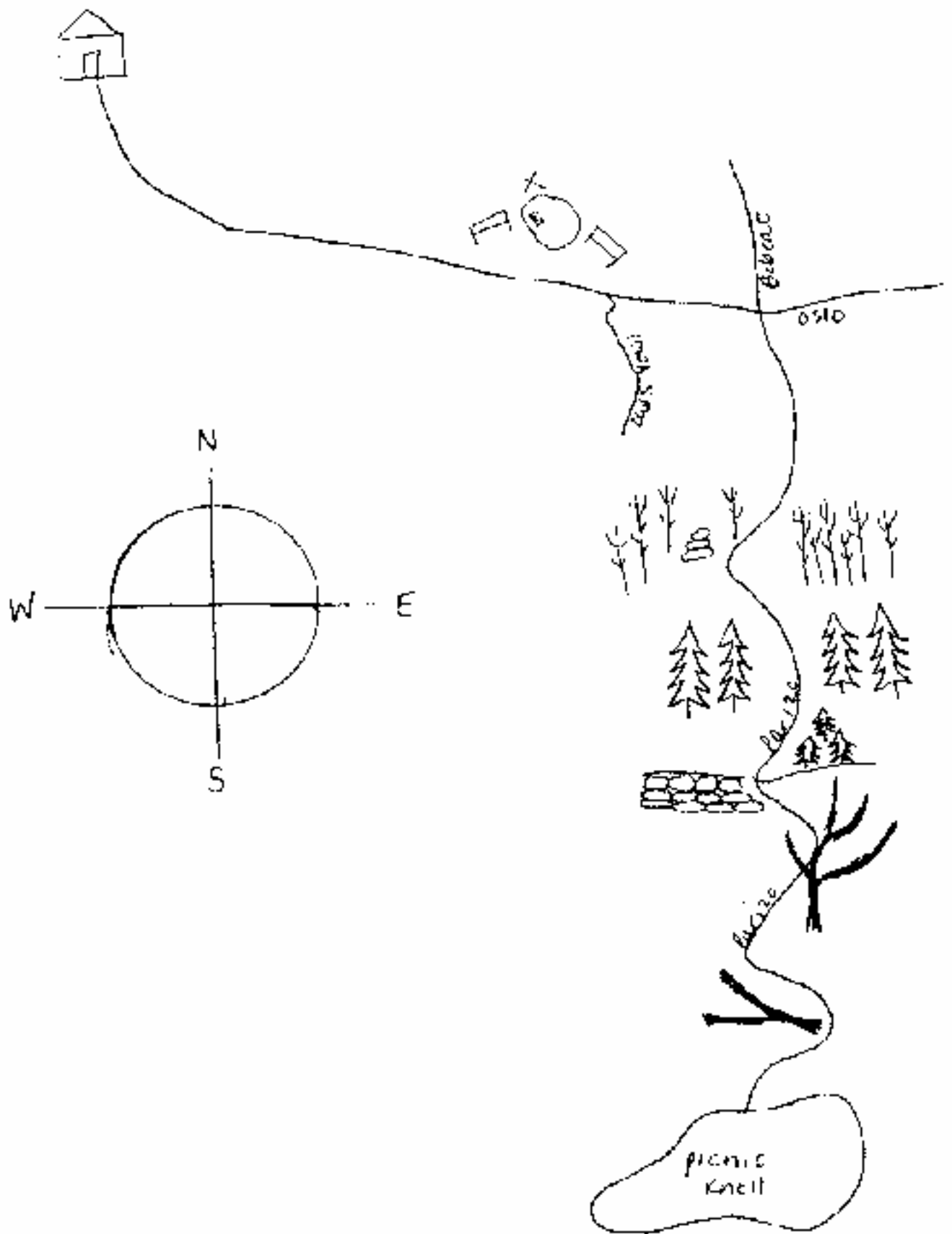
Copy the poem for your school folder  
Your treasure's in the back.

You're hungry, you made it, and you may be tired too  
Head to the cabin and get some hot stew!!!

Deciduous (adj.) Shedding or losing foliage at the end of the growing season: deciduous trees.

Coniferous (n.) any various mostly needle-leaved or scale-leaved, chiefly evergreen, cone bearing trees or shrubs such as pines, spruces, hemlocks and firs.

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