Name _____ Date _____

Map Keys and Map Scale in Words

Directions: Most questions use two tables about a park map: its key and its scale. Read each question to see which one it needs.

1. Match each part of a map to its job.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ Map key
2. _____ Map scale
3. _____ Compass rose
4. _____ Map title

Choices for question 1

A. Tells how old the map is
B. Tells what each symbol on the map stands for
C. Shows how distances on the map compare with real distances
D. Shows the directions north, south, east and west
E. Shows what the weather will be tomorrow
F. Tells what the whole map is about

The Park Map Key

Map key for a map of Pinecone Lake Park. It tells what each symbol on the map stands for.

Symbol on the map	What it stands for
Blue line	River
Green triangle	Campground
Black square	Visitor center
Red dot	Picnic area
Brown dashed line	Hiking trail
Yellow star	Lookout tower

2. On this map, what does a green triangle stand for?

A. Picnic area B. Campground C. River D. Lookout tower

3. You want to find the river on this map. Which symbol should you look for?

A. Black square
B. Red dot
C. Brown dashed line
D. Blue line

4. Use the map key to finish the sentence.

Word bank
campground • hiking trail • river • picnic area

A red dot marks a _____, and a brown dashed line marks a _____.

The Park Map Scale

Distances measured on the same park map. Map scale: 1 inch on the map stands for 2 miles in the park.

From	To	Distance on the map
Visitor center	Picnic area	1 inch
Visitor center	Campground	3 inches
Campground	Lookout tower	4 inches
Picnic area	Lookout tower	5 inches

5. On the map, the picnic area is 1 inch from the visitor center. The campground is 3 inches from it. Which one is closer to the visitor center in the park?

A. The picnic area

B. They are the same distance away.

C. The campground

D. You cannot tell from these numbers.

6. The campground is 3 inches from the visitor center on the map. The scale says 1 inch stands for 2 miles. How many miles apart are they?

A. 6 miles B. 2 miles C. 3 miles D. 5 miles

7. The lookout tower is 4 inches from the campground on the map. With a scale of 1 inch for 2 miles, how far apart are they in the park?

A. 4 miles B. 6 miles C. 8 miles D. 10 miles

8. Two places in the park are 10 miles apart. The scale is 1 inch for 2 miles. How far apart are they on the map?

A. 8 inches B. 5 inches C. 10 inches D. 20 inches

9. On a different map, 1 inch stands for 10 miles. Two towns are 3 inches apart on that map. How many miles apart are the towns?

A. 10 miles B. 30 miles C. 13 miles D. 3 miles