

Instructions for

The ISRAEL TRAIL Game

Game Packet

In the Israel Trail Game packet you'll find:

- 1 Game board
- 6 Numbers
- 4 Hikers with bases
- 1 Challenge List
- 13 Collect cards
- 8 Meet cards
- 3 Winner cards



Collect card



Meet card

Object of the Game

Hike the entire Israel Trail, picking up as many Collect and Meet cards as you can along the way. (Collect cards are souvenirs you collect on the trail. Meet cards are Israeli kids you meet on your journey.)

Game is for up to four players.

Setting Up

- 1** Pick a Hiker. When you start to play, place it at the Start circle at the top of the game board.
- 2** Lay out all the Collect cards and Meet cards faceup. (If you prefer, you can keep them in two separate piles.) Set aside the three Winner cards until the game is finished.
- 3** Place the number cards (1-6) in a container that's easy to pick from (paper bag, mixing bowl, or other). No peeking when picking!
- 4** Keep the Challenge List on hand for reading during the game.

Let's Play!

- 1** Have the first player pick a number and move their Hiker the same number of squares on the trail. Players take turns picking a number and moving their Hiker.
 - a.** When a player lands on a Collect or Meet square, have them find the Collect or Meet card with the same picture. That player gets the card! (And they keep it even if another player lands on the same square later.) Players should also try hunting for the card's picture on the map itself.
 - b.** When a player lands on a Challenge square, have them find the matching color on the Challenge List and pick one challenge to perform. (Alternatively, have someone else pick the challenge for the player. No one said hiking the Israel Trail would be easy!)

- 2** Keep taking turns until all players reach the Finish circle.

Who Wins?

Each time you play the game, there are three winners:

- The **First to Finish** medal is awarded to the player who reaches the **Finish** circle first.
- The **Best Collector** medal is awarded to the player who has the most **Collect** cards.
- The **Most Outgoing** medal is awarded to the player who has the most **Meet** cards.

Winners – collect your medals (aka Winner cards)! Share the win if it's a tie.

To play an **ADVANCED VERSION:**

- If a player lands on a Collect or Meet square after someone else has already taken the card, the player gets to take possession of the card.
- At the end of each game, award 20 points to First to Finish, 15 to Best Collector, and 10 to Most Outgoing. (Split the points if there's a tie.) Keep playing rounds of the game until one player has at least 75 total points. They are the grand winner – in honor of Israel's 75th birthday!

To play a **COLLABORATIVE VERSION:**

- Have all Hikers play as one team and see how many total cards the team can collect.
- When a player lands on a Challenge square, any member of the team can volunteer for the challenge!

To play an **ALTERNATE VERSION with younger children:**

- Mix all the Collect and Meet cards well and stack them in one pile.
- Place the Hikers on the Start circle.
- Have players take turns picking the top card and finding the square on the board with the same picture. After a player moves their Hiker to that square, they get to keep the card.
- After every third turn, have players perform a challenge. (A young player can choose which color challenge they want, and an older player can read aloud a challenge from the Challenge List.)
- When there are no more cards to pick, have all players move their Hikers to the Finish circle. You've finished the trail!

And just for fun...

Find the **ISRAEL TRAIL MARKERS**

The real-life Israel National Trail has special painted markers (usually found on rocks and trees) to keep hikers from getting lost. On the marker, white represents the snowcapped Mount Hermon, blue represents the Mediterranean Sea, and orange represents the Judean, Negev, and Arava deserts.

Can you find all the Israel Trail markers? (Hint: There are five.)

On the game board, an Israel Trail marker looks like this:



Find the **TRAIL ANGELS**

Let's say you're hiking on the trail for two-and-a-half months, and you really need a shower or home-cooked meal. What do you do? That's where trail angels come in. Trail angels are people who do kind things for hikers, such as open their home to let someone take a shower, have a meal, or camp out in their backyard or on their roof.

Can you find all the trail angels? (Hint: There are five.)

On the game board, a trail angel has wings like these:



Find the **HIDDEN WATER BOTTLES**

You'll spend the last five weeks of the trail in the southern part of Israel, hiking through the Negev and Arava deserts. It's hot, and you can't possibly carry enough drinking water on your back to get you to the next watering place. So what do you do? You hire locals to hide water bottles for you at special locations in the desert. (They drive a jeep there and send you a video of the hiding spots.)

Can you find all the hidden bottles? (Hint: There are ten.)

On the game board, a hidden water bottle looks like this:

