

TEDDY'S MAGICAL ADVENTURES AT... ELVASTON CASTLE

TEDDY WALKS

Start walk from main car park information board.

1 Teddy was looking over the fence at ducks swimming around when he heard a little voice say, "Hello Teddy". Teddy looked around but couldn't see anyone. "Over here Teddy," the little voice said again. Teddy walked across the bridge and saw a fairy next to a tiny door in a tree trunk. "Would you like me to take you on an adventure around Elvaston Castle?" asked the fairy. "Ooh yes please" said Teddy. "Follow me then, there's lots to see and lots of stories to tell".

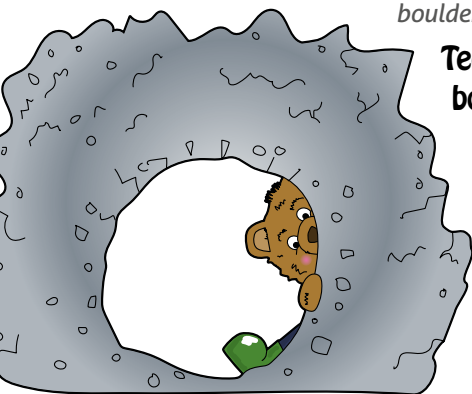
Turn left, signposted 'Park Centre and Castle'.

2 Teddy and the fairy started off on their walk and soon got to another bridge. Teddy was sure he could hear a faint 'trip trap, trip trap'. "What's that?" he asked. "Ah that's the billy goats trip trapping over the bridge. Do you know the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff?" "Ooh yes," said Teddy "Who's that trip trapping over MY bridge?" shouted teddy pretending to be the troll under the bridge.

3 Teddy and the fairy followed the path and passed a waterwheel.

Further along the path Teddy saw a giant round window made of rocks. "Ah, the magic window, look through and tell me what you see." said the fairy. "I can see the sun twinkling on a lake and an island!!" shouted Teddy.

Follow the path until you see two big boulders by the lake edge.



Teddy sat down on a boulder. "Look at the rocks on the island Teddy". said the fairy. "Many years ago a naughty fairy turned a castle maid into stone for being cheeky."

"If you look carefully you can see her face and you can make a wish. Don't tell anyone what you have wished for though, or your wish may never come true."

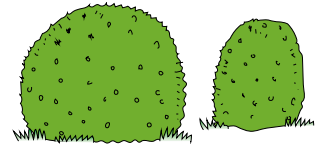
Walk across the grass towards the front of the Castle.

CAN YOU SEE WHAT SHAPE THE LARGE BUSH ON THE RIGHT IS? (PEACOCK)

Go up the steps (or around if you have a buggy) and walk left around the castle.

"Do a Prince and Princess live here?" asked Teddy. "Not any more" said the fairy, "but the Earls of Harrington used to. They were very important people many years ago."

4 Teddy sat on a bench with lion's feet. "Look at those tiny hedges and funny shaped bushes. They look like giant footballs!" said Teddy "They are called Topiary and are quite old" said the fairy. "They break easily, so look after them Teddy."



CAN YOU SEE A CROWN SHAPED BUSH AT THE END OF THE PATH?

Turn right towards the church and go through an archway (Café/Castle toilets here)

5 They went into a courtyard where Teddy saw a giant clock. What time does it say? They walked under the clock tower into a cobbled courtyard.

Information Centre, Shop and Toilets here

The fairy showed Teddy the old stables where horses were once kept and a low red brick wall. "What's this?" said Teddy. "This is where people could wash the wheels of their horse-drawn carriages" said the fairy. "Cinderella once used it to clean her pumpkin carriage before she went to the Prince's ball." She told Teddy they would soon see a special little house.

Turn right at the gatehouse

6 As they got near the little house Teddy said he thought he had seen it somewhere before. "It belongs to 3 bears," said the fairy. "It is where Goldilocks ate their porridge and broke their chairs!"

Turn right at the cottage.

CAN YOU SEE A TABLE AND CHAIR? CAN YOU SEE A BEAR?

Follow the footpath to a concrete bridge. Cross the bridge and open a small gate on the right.

Teddy and the fairy wandered slowly along the path that followed the edge of the lake. "I have one more story to tell you before I go."



COLOUR FAIRY IN...



They saw stone arches next to a large mound.

7 “This is a Magical Mound” the fairy said. Teddy and the fairy sat down on the rocks by the path. “The Prince used to have grand balls in the castle. Their guests would dance all night! At midnight they would stop to look across the lake at the twinkling lights on the Mound. These were the lights from all the fairies of Elvaston. It was our way of thanking them for giving us such a lovely place to play in.”

Teddy and the fairy went back along the path towards the car park. *(ice cream van here)* They got to the bridge where they started and the fairy waved goodbye.

“Goodbye Teddy, I hope you enjoyed my stories.”

“Goodbye fairy, thank you for showing me around. Next time I come, I will bring some of my friends!”

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