

Cornwall

Tehidy Country Park Story Trail



Welcome

This trail is aimed at children aged 2 to 5 and their families and carers.

Follow the map and the story of Uncle Josh, Mia and Kai to explore your park. What can you see and do? Can you tick off each activity?

Remember to stay safe, keep your distance from other families and sanitise your hands.

Read the story aloud to your little explorers and have fun chatting and playing along the route.

This walk will take up to **30 mins**, depending on your pace.

You may want to bring some blank paper and pencils so your little ones can make the most out of the trail – we would love to see photos of your little ones carrying out the activities!

Uncle Josh

Mia



Kai



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South Drive entrance

1

How many different bird calls can you hear?



Can you copy the sounds they make?

Mia ran in to the park then stopped in the middle of two stone pillars. She stood very still with her hands high up above her head and said, 'Look! I'm a statue.'

Mia and her little brother, Kai, were taking their Uncle Josh on a walk in the woods today. Kai joined Mia and said, 'Picture!'

Uncle Josh laughed and took a photo of them on his phone. 'Wow, what beautiful statues!'

Mia un-froze and said,

'Come on, I can hear birds!'

Kai took Uncle Josh's hand and they followed Mia in to the park to the lake.

'Quack quack!'

said Kai.

'That's right, there are ducks there,' said Uncle Josh, pointing to the water.

'What's that caw caw kind of sound?' asked Mia.

Uncle Josh shook his head. 'I'm not sure. What do you think?'

'I think... we should keep looking for it,' said Mia.

Why don't you take a photo of you near the entrance just like Uncle Josh and Kai!





2

Little stone bridge

They listened carefully for birds as they crossed two little wooden bridges. Mia pointed beyond a stone bridge.

‘Ooh, what’s over there? Do you think it’s a troll?’ she asked.

‘Do trolls live next to bridges or under them?’

asked Uncle Josh.

‘Let’s find out!’ Mia said, walking carefully over the stones with her arms out wide for balance. ‘It’s not a troll but it’s AMAZING!’ she called from the other side.

How many bridges can you count around the lake?



Use your paper and pencil to note down how many bridges you can count as you go around the lake.

Uncle Josh helped Kai over the bridge and they both said, ‘Wow!’

‘That is the Caw Caw,’

she said, pointing to a bearded face carved into a tree trunk.

‘What’s a Caw Caw?’ asked Uncle Josh.

‘It’s a tree spirit,’ said Mia. ‘They look after the forest!’

‘Caw caw?’ asked Kai.

‘Exactly,’ said Mia.

‘Let’s look for more!’

They crossed back over the stone bridge and carried on along the path.

Waterfalls

‘More Caw Caws?’ asked Kai as they walked through the leafy woods.

‘Not yet,’ said Uncle Josh.

‘Shh!’ said Mia and they all stopped.

‘Can you hear the water changing? I think it’s the Caw Caws!’

Quietly, they followed the stream. Then they saw the waterfalls, splashing down and down over little steps. Two squirrels were scampering up a tree next to the water

‘There – that’s where the Caw Caws take a bath,’

said Mia.

‘Of course,’ said Uncle Josh. ‘Are the Caw Caws here now?’

‘No, they’re a bit scared of the squirrels,’ said Mia.

‘Stick!’ said Kai, who had picked up a stick and was poking it into the stream.

‘Ooh, I know a fun stick game,’

said Mia. ‘Come on!’

Can you see any squirrels in the woods?

How many can you spot?



Use your paper and pencil to draw a picture of the squirrels you can see!



Stone bridge at end of lake

They hunted for more sticks all through the woods until Mia said, 'This is perfect!'

On a large, grey stone bridge, Mia lined everyone up and counted to three. Then they dropped their sticks into the stream. 'Quick!' she shouted and they rushed to the other side to see whose stick came out from under the bridge first.

'Kai win!' said Kai.

Mia and Uncle Josh weren't quite sure whose stick came out first, so they let Kai win.

'That's a good game, Mia,' said Uncle Josh.

'The Caw Caws play it to settle arguments with the squirrels,' she said. 'Shall we play again?'

Can you play the
bridge stick game?



5

Bendy tree and stepping stones

After a lot of the stick game, they walked back around the lake. Kai played hide-and-seek in the bushes.

‘I wonder if there are any more Caw Caws?’ asked Uncle Josh.

Mia grabbed his hand to balance as she hopped across a set of stone steps by a bendy tree.

‘I hope so,’ she said. ‘But even if we don’t see any, I know they’re looking after us and the forest.’

‘Oh right, how?’ asked Uncle Josh.

Mia jumped down from the last stone. ‘I can still hear them – caw caw!’

‘Quack quack!’ said Kai.

Can you see across the lake where you’ve already walked?

What else can you see?



6

Café and second tree carving face

How many Caw Caws did you spot in the forest?

What did they look like?



‘Caw caw,’ said Uncle Josh.

‘I can’t hear any here,’ said Mia.

‘No – Caw Caw!’ Mia followed Uncle Josh’s finger and gasped. There was another bearded face carved into a tree trunk.

Kai said, ‘Caw caw! Caw caw!’ and started flapping his arms like wings. Mia joined in and they giggled as they ran to look at the tree.

Well done, you made it to the end of the Story Trail

We would love to have your feedback. Please click this link to answer some questions and be in with the chance of winning a prize!

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