

Peterborough

Central 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, Kai and Tufty the dog 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.

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!

This walk will take up to **1 hour** depending on your pace.

Tufty



Mia



Uncle Josh



Kai



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Big tree and monkey tree

‘Can’t catch me!’ called Mia as she ran over to a funny-looking tree.

‘Kai coming!’ said her little brother, Kai, running as quickly as he could.

Their Uncle Josh laughed and joined them with his little brown dog, Tufty. ‘Are you climbing the monkey tree?’ he said.

Ruff ruff ruff!

barked Tufty.

‘Ooh ooh ooh!’ said Kai, pretending to be a monkey.

Mia jumped up and caught a branch with both hands. ‘Monkey tree? This is a lookout post.’

‘Ah-ha. And what are you looking out for?’ Uncle Josh said as he helped Kai up onto the lower branch.

‘Enemies, of the monkeys!’ said Mia.

‘Here are my monkey binoculars.’

Mia and Kai showed Uncle Josh how to make binoculars with their hands around their eyes. They all looked around through their binocular hands.

‘Who are the monkeys’ enemies then?’ he asked.

Mia jumped down and helped Kai off his branch as well. ‘Giraffes, of course,’ she said. ‘Because they are tall and monkeys are short. Come on! Let’s spy.’

Can you creep like a spy?

What other ways can you move along the path – fast or slow, jumping or crawling?





Archway

Mia, Kai and Uncle Josh crept down the path through the park, looking out for giraffes all the way.

‘Mia, why are the monkeys spying on giraffes?’ asked Uncle Josh.

‘Because of the old jungle war’, said Mia. ‘Look! That’s where the old monkey fort entrance was.’

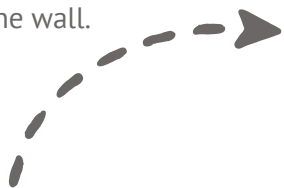
She pointed to a large, grey, stone archway.

‘I see,’ said Uncle Josh. Tufty barked at the wall.

‘It kept the giraffes out because their long, tall necks didn’t fit through it.’

‘Spy tree!’ called Kai, running along the path to an enormous, knobbly tree. It looked like it had eyes!

What else can YOU see along the path? Use your paper and pencil to note down any unusual trees and plants that you spot along the way. You may want to collect items which interest you and take a look at them later!



Lamp post tree and sunken garden

‘That tree looks a bit like a giraffe,’ said Uncle Josh.

‘Oh no!’ said Mia. ‘We’ve got to escape the giraffe!’

She grabbed Kai and Josh’s hands and they ran down into the sunken garden.

‘Bee,’ said Kai, pointing to a rose bush.

Uncle Josh started buzzing and chased Kai around the flower beds.

‘Hey!’ called Mia. ‘This is the ancient stadium where the monkeys used to race!’

‘It is? How did they race?’ asked Uncle Josh, bringing Kai over.

Mia lined them all up and explained the rules of monkey racing. First they did a skipping race, then a hopping race, then straight running.

‘Phew!’ said Uncle Josh, stopping to catch his breath.

‘Who won?’

‘We all did,’

said Mia.

Can YOU do monkey races?



Did you spot any bees or other insects in the garden?



Jimmy the donkey memorial and British Gas flame tower

What noise does a donkey make?



What about monkeys and giraffes? Can you hear any other animal or bird sounds in the park today?

They kept walking around the park and stopped at a smooth, flat, grey monument.

‘Big stone,’ said Kai.

Uncle Josh read the words carved on the stone. ‘This is for Jimmy the donkey who saved a lot of lives in the war.’

‘Yes, he was very brave,’

said Mia, nodding. ‘And look – there’s another spy tower!’

Uncle Josh suggested they sit on the bench nearby for a little rest.

‘Once upon a time, Jimmy the donkey was the bravest spy donkey there ever was,’ said Mia. ‘The monkeys and the giraffes in the park were at war. They both wanted the... pool. They guarded it day and night. Sometimes the monkeys were in charge, sometimes the giraffes.’

‘Who won in the end?’ asked Uncle Josh.

‘Jimmy the donkey persuaded them to make peace. They decided to share it,’ said Mia.

‘Pool?’ asked Kai.

‘Yes,’ grinned Mia.

‘Let’s go!’

Pool and playground

Using your paper and pen, maybe you can draw a picture of a surprising animal in the park. A whale in the splash pool, or an elephant on the swings.



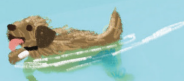
'Splash!' said Kai as they walked round to the pool.

'Yes, Kai, if you splash you will get wet. Now you are dry,' said Uncle Josh.

'I'm going to go on the climbing frame,' said Mia, then she crouched down. 'Now I am low, but then I will be high!' She jumped.

Uncle Josh laughed. 'Now we are walking slowly...'

'But if we run we are fast!' said Mia. Then she took Kai's hand and raced to the playground.



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

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

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