

Hairy Bob's 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 **30 mins**, depending on your pace.





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St Mary's church



Ding dong! Ding dong!

The church bells rang as Mia, her little brother, Kai, and their Uncle Josh walked into St Mary's churchyard.

'Quick, hide!' said Mia and ducked behind a gravestone.

'What's wrong?' whispered Uncle Josh, as he crouched down next to her and Kai.

Ruff ruff ruff! barked Tufty, Uncle Josh's little dog.

'That bell was the signal from the smugglers,' said Mia.

'Oh right, what are we smuggling?' asked Uncle Josh.

'Shh! We don't want anyone to overhear,' said Mia. 'But we've got to take it to Hairy Bob.'

'Is he in his cave?' asked Uncle Josh.

Can you hear church bells? What else can you hear in the churchyard – any birds or animal noises?



Mia nodded. Then she looked both ways and crept out from behind the gravestone. 'Let's qo, quietly,' she said.

'Lighthouse!' said Kai, pointing out across the bay.

Ruff ruff! barked Tufty.

'Shh!' said Mia.

'Lighthouse', whispered Kai. Uncle Josh gave him a thumbs-up and they followed Mia down the path.



'Okay, we've got to get through that arch without being seen,'

said Mia

'Playground!' said Kai.

'Can we go to the playground first?' asked Uncle Josh.

Mia thought about it for a minute then nodded. Tufty trotted after them as they ran to the playground.

After some brilliant climbing, they got back to the archway.

'Everyone follow me,' said Mia, and she flattened herself to the wall of the arch.

'Phew! We made it,'

said Uncle Josh as they got out the other side.

'Seal' said Kai.

What colour is the sea today?



Is it blue or grey or a mix? What else can you see down the hill?

Winding path down the hill

Can you sing any songs about boats, or the sea?



'Are we going the right way?' asked Uncle Josh.

'Yes,' said Mia. 'Hairy Bob has left us some signs. Look – that's a wheel off his cart!'

'And here's an actual sign,' said Uncle Josh, pointing to a sign that said, 'Upper Cornbrash.'

'More sea!' said Kai, and ran off the path to a patch of grass. Mia and Uncle Josh chased after him and stopped to breathe in the fresh, salty air.

'Can you hear the waves?' asked Uncle Josh.

'Swish swish,'

said Kai.

'And a boat', pointed out Mia. She knew her little brother loved boats.

'Row row!' shouted Kai. Then they all sang a song about rowing boats together. Tufty barked along too.



Continue on the path

Back on the winding path, they walked down the hill.

'Another sign from Hairy Bob!'

said Mia, pointing out his second wheel.

'We're getting close.'

Ruff ruff! Tufty moaned as the sea wind blew his fur.

The trees thinned out and around the next corner of the path was a smooth wooden fence.

She ran her fingers along the railing. The wall on the hillside of the path was a rough, rocky wall.

'It's there!'

Can you feel the sea breeze? Can you smell the salty sea?



Hairy Bob's Cave

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Can YOU tell Hairy Bob a story in his cave?



Finally, they made it to Hairy Bob's Cave. Uncle Josh lifted Mia and Kai up to sit in the window of his house, and cuddled Tufty in his arms.

'So?' asked Uncle Josh.

'Did you deliver the smuggled goods?' he asked.

Mia looked around to check no one else was listening. 'I've got it right here. The one thing Hairy Bob wants and can't get himself.'

'And what's that?' asked Uncle Josh.

'A story!' said Mia with a smile. 'Once upon a time...'



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!

Click here to complete this short survey

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