

LOOK

at

LEICESTER

Children's
Activity
Trail



Name _____

If you know where to look, there is a secret Leicester, full of fantastical creatures, mysterious people and hints of a forgotten past.

Follow these trails and keep your eyes peeled to discover where the city's gems are hidden.

As soon as you spot something, you'll score points. Watch out for traffic and take care crossing roads.

Don't forget to take selfies and photographs of your favourite things while walking around!

GOOD LUCK!

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Things you are going to see:

HP

HERITAGE PANELS

These will help you answer historical questions. Use them to find out more about the city's history and what Leicester looked like in the past.



WYVERN

A winged dragon (with two legs or none). They are part of Leicester's heraldic crest.

ANGELS



These are spiritual beings with wings, often seen as messengers of God.

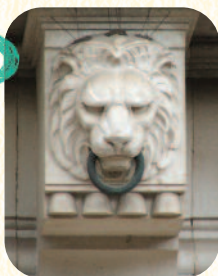
CHERUB



These are young children with wings.

LIONS

On Victorian buildings, lions are symbols of dignity and kingliness. On the royal coat-of-arms the lion represents England.



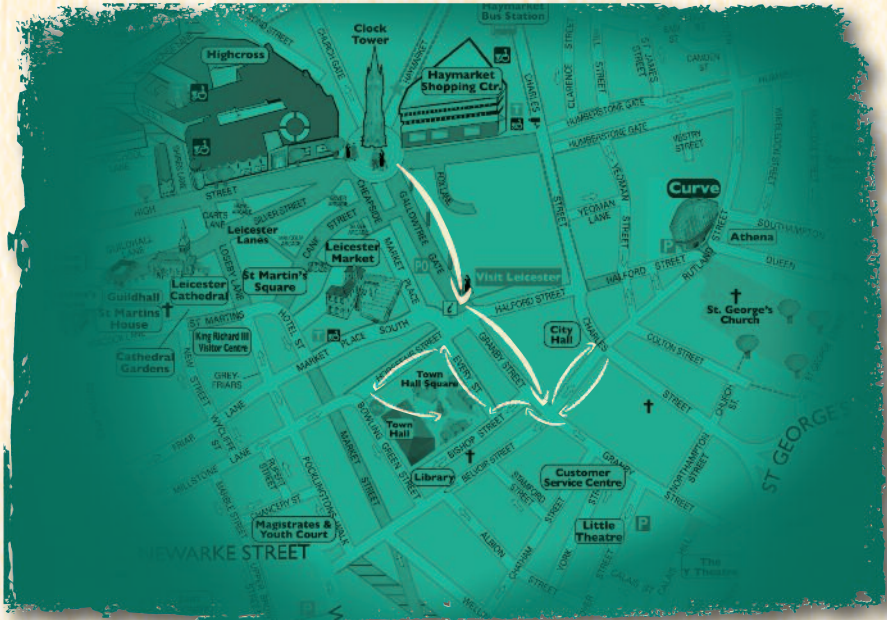
GREEN MAN



These are not green! They are carvings of men's faces surrounded by leaves, often with leaves growing out of their mouths and hair. They symbolise rebirth.

Walk 1

Gallowtree Gate to Town Hall Square.



1 Begin at the Clock Tower. It was built in 1868 to make it easier to control the traffic where six main roads met, making it Britain's first traffic island. **Who are the four statues?**

HP Find the heritage panel for the answers.

1: 5pts

2: 5pts

3: 5pts

4: 5pts



Start walking along Gallowtree Gate.

2 In 1996-97 Leicester teams won major trophies in three sports. Find a statue of three sportsmen. **Which sports are they playing?**

1: 5pts

2: 5pts

3: 5pts

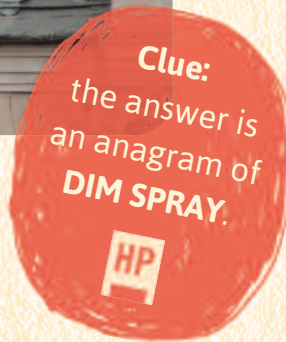


Bonus question: Which football team won the Premier League in 2016?

..... 5pts



3 Now find the former Thomas Cook building. Look up and you will see pictures made from tiles. They show journeys organised by Thomas Cook: to Loughborough; to the Crystal Palace in London; to Egypt (where the company transported soldiers); and to see the Forth Bridge in Scotland.



What tells us that one of the scenes takes place in Egypt?

..... 5pts

Total Pts

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4 Further along Gallowtree Gate, on the Dorothy Perkins shop, are six faces. Two of them are women, representing Day and Night.

Which do you think is which and why?

Left: 2pts

Right: 2pts

The other faces are children. Can you spot them?

I found children's faces
(1pt per face)

5 At the end of Gallowtree Gate, on the right, is the entrance to Market Place and Visit Leicester. Here you can find Kemp's Clock. Kemp's used to be a jeweller's shop. **Find the clock and the gold wyvern on top of it. Draw the wyvern here for 10pts.**

6 In Market Place, the archway over the market entrance shows all sorts of things you can buy in the market. **Which sea creatures can you see?**

1: 3pts

2: 3pts

3: 3pts

4: 3pts

5: 3pts

Cross into Granby Street.

7 On the left-hand side of the road is the Turkey Café, with a turkey picture at the top and turkeys on either side of the doorway. Turkish coffee was very popular when the café opened in 1901, and the designer has tried to make the café look exotic. Turkeys actually come from America, not Turkey, so they are here just for fun. **Look up and write down the colour of the turkey's neck and head.**



..... 5pts

8 The restaurant further up the road on the left used to be the Victoria Coffee House, set up by Thomas Cook. **Look up to see another wyvern. Where is it?**

..... 3pts

You might be able to see some figures and faces near the top of the building; we think there are about 13.

I counted figures and faces
(1pt for each)



Total Pts

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Next door, to the right, are two scowling figures with horns. **Can you find them?**



5pts



5pts

Turn left into Rutland Street at the Tesco Express.

9 In Rutland Street, on the left, look for an archway and the black horse's head that shows where the Wellington Hotel stables were. **What would you call the horse if he or she was yours?**

..... 5pts

Walk back up Rutland Street and cross over to Belvoir Street.

10 On the corner of Granby Street and Belvoir Street the former News Room is covered with panels and statues of the Muses and winged lions. The Muses were Greek goddesses of culture and the arts. The panels in the middle of the building have the Muses' names carved over their heads. Go round the corner into Belvoir Street and see if you can find Clio, the Muse of history, sitting by some books. **What is she holding?**

..... 10pts

11 On the other side of Belvoir Street is the Grand Hotel. There are lots of faces and cherubs here. **Find the green man's face near the hotel's delivery entrance on Belvoir Street.**

5pts



Go back to Granby Street and turn left.

- 12** The building on the corner of Granby Street and Bishop Street used to be the Leicestershire Bank. It is covered with fierce little carved monsters. **What do you think they are? How many can you count? We counted 26 but there may be more. Look on all sides of the building**

I counted monsters (1pt for each monster)



- 13** Further along Bishop Street, on the left, is the former Post Office building. Here you can see a winged staff entwined with snakes. This was the symbol of the messenger of the Roman gods. His name is an anagram of CURRY ME. **Can you work out his name?**

Clue:

his name is
the same as
Leicester's
newspaper.

..... 3pts

- 14** The building next door is the former Liberal Club. It is decorated with faces. **Score a point for each one you spot and 5pts for spotting the skull**

I counted faces
(1pt per face)



5pts

Total Pts

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Town Hall Square

Well done! Have a rest here if you want.

- 15 Find these lions on a building in Town Hall Square (Every Street). **How many can you see?**

..... 1pt each



- 16 Find the war memorial. **Where was the war fought?**

..... 3pts

- 17 On Horsefair Street, opposite the war memorial, you can see the old Royal Hotel. Right at the top is a coat of arms. **What are the creatures on either side?**

..... 3pts for each creature

- 18 **How do you think Horsefair Street got its name?**

..... 3pts

- 19 Look down to find the maze on Horsefair Street next door to the old Royal Hotel. Follow the dark path to the middle of the maze (without cheating!) for 10 points



20 Can you spot the red heritage panel about the Town Hall? Who gave the fountain to Leicester?

..... 5pts



21 Find this sinister horned head above the doorway on a bank opposite the heritage panel.

5pts

Now go into Town Hall Square.

22 The Town Hall is covered with wyverns. We found 7. **How many can you count?** Don't forget to look down as well as up, and round the corner in Horsefair Street.

I counted wyverns (1pt each)

23 Look for the two carved panels on the front of the Town Hall. They show Day and Night, to tell the people of Leicester that the council was working for them day and night. **How can you tell which is which?**

Day has 3pts

Night has 3pts



Now look behind you at the fountain.

24 How are the lions on the fountain different from normal lions?

..... 3pts

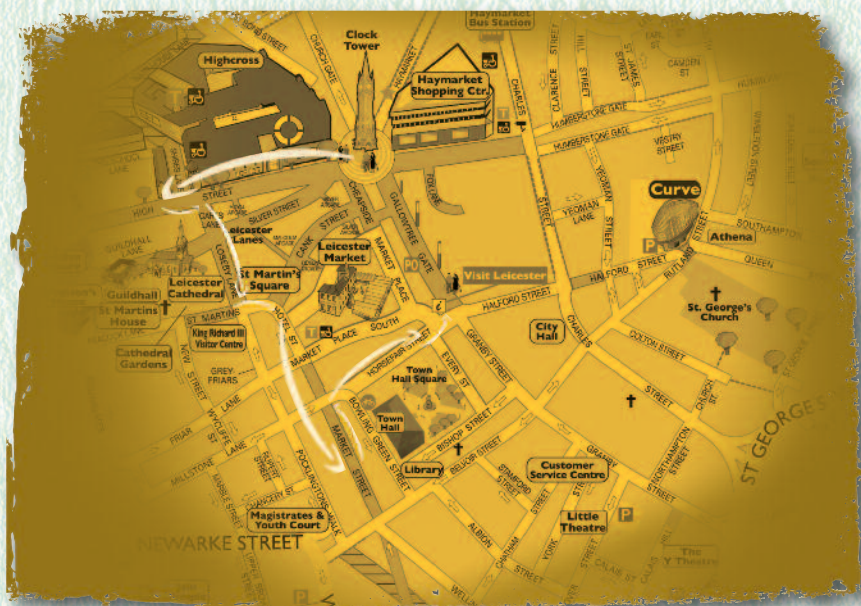
Congratulations!

You've finished the first part of the walk. Take a selfie with one of the little lions on the railings. Can you make it look like it is sitting on your head?

Total Pts
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Walk 2

High Street to Market Street.



Begin at the Clock Tower. Start walking towards High Street. East Gates.

25 East Gates Coffee House (now Cruise clothing) on the corner of East Gates and Church Gate, was opened in 1885 as one of 14 coffee houses in Leicester, built so that people had somewhere to enjoy themselves other than pubs. Around the windows are faces and figures, some are musicians. **Which musical instruments can you spot?**



- 1: 3pts
- 2: 3pts
- 3: 3pts
- 4: 3pts



East Gates Coffee House 1885 reproduced by kind permission of English Heritage

26 The building on the corner of the High Street and Silver Street is decorated with angels who look as though they are holding up the roof. Find the two shop door handles that are decorated with Egyptian pharaohs' heads.

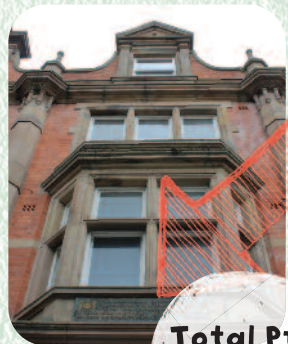


2pts if you touch the pharaoh's heads.
An extra 5pts if you draw one of them here:

27 Carry on down High Street. Find the Royal Arcade entrance. The white building next door was the former Cameo Cinema. **What are the words next to the winged couple?**

..... 5pts

28 On the red-brick buildings on the other side of High Street, opposite the former Cameo Cinema, look for a plaque marking the site of Lord's Place, a great Tudor house. **Name the queen and two kings who stayed here.**



Queen: 5pts

King: 5pts

King: 5pts

Total Pts

Carry on walking up High Street.

29 The building at the corner with Carts Lane used to be TE Butler's chemist shop. Look up to see the tile picture of a chemist grinding medicines with his pestle and mortar. Below is a picture of a sailing ship, with an advertisement for a headache cure. **What is the cure called?**

..... 5pts

30 On High Street you can also find a building decorated with colourful tiles and patriotic designs. Called Coronation Buildings, it was built to celebrate Edward VII's coronation in 1902. Up at the top are tiled pictures of ships and a lighthouse. Below them are Union Jack plaques decorated with animals to symbolise six colonies of the British Empire.



The animals and the colonies they represent are jumbled up! Draw a line to connect each animal to the correct colony. If you get stuck read the heritage panel.



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| Elephant | Canada | | 5pts |
| Grizzly Bear | Africa | | 5pts |
| Kangaroo | Burmah | | |
| Ostrich | India | | 5pts |
| Tiger | Egypt | | 5pts |
| Camel | Australia | | 5pts |

31 Retrace your steps. Stand on the corner of High Street and Carts Lane, outside the optician's doorway, and look at the roofs in Carts Lane. You should just be able to see a painted stone owl put on a chimney to scare pigeons away.



Walk up Carts Lane.

- 32** Look for the old gate to Butler's the chemist.
What do the words say?

..... 5pts

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- 33** The Globe has been a pub since 1720. On the Carts Lane side, above the heritage panel, is a tiled panel in a frame on the side of the building.

What can you see on the tiles?

..... 3pts

Walk on into Loseby Lane.

- 34** Can you find these three crowns in this street?



..... 5pts



..... 5pts



..... 5pts

Walk to the end of Loseby Lane.



- 35** At the corner with St Martins is a former savings bank. Look up to see another wyvern.

..... 5pts

Total Pts

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36 The big white building used to be a bank. The carvings on the front show Agriculture (farming) and Commerce (trade). **Which do you think is which and why?**

- 1. Agriculture 3pts
- 2. Commerce 3pts



37 Look at this photo.



Photo: Leicestershire Record Office



It shows how these streets looked in Edwardian times. Find the modern equivalent of the shop in the picture that has “Coleman” over the door. Walk over to it. In the doorway, on the floor, you can still see the names of the people who owned the shop when it was a tailors. **What is the missing name?**

Coleman and 5pts

38 Go back to the entrance to St Martin's Square. Look up for an old-fashioned way to tell the time. **What is it called?**

..... 5pts

39 Stand opposite St Martin's Square with the direction signs on your left. Look down at the pavement to find a metal plaque with the name of the well that was once here. **What was the name?**

..... 10pts

Follow Hotel Street and cross Market Place South.

40 The building on your left is the old Assembly Rooms which was built in 1792 as a hotel. The statues on the front are Dance (with the tambourine) and Music (with the lyre, or harp). **How many other dancers can you see on the front of the building?**



I saw dancers (1pt each)



41 Find the statue of the Leicester Seamstress nearby. **What do you think she is sewing?**

..... 3pts

Continue into Market Street.

42 On the left look for a white building with the words 'Midland Auction Mart'. On Bishop Street, in Q13, you saw a winged staff belonging to a god whose name is an anagram of CURRY ME. Here you can see his head, wearing a winged hat.

Total Pts
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3 pts for finding him and writing his name



43 A bit further on, on a pointed roof, stands a little stone owl. **Can you spot it?**

5pts

44 Across the road is a modern stone plaque carved with animals. There used to be a fur shop here, and all the animals are creatures that were hunted for their fur. **How many can you identify?**



- 1: 3pts
- 2: 3pts
- 3: 3pts
- 4: 3pts
- 5: 3pts
- 6: 3pts

Total Pts
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You've finished the trail!

Count your points to see how you've done.

Now come down to the Visit Leicester Information Centre to collect your trail certificate and take a selfie of your success! Certificates can also be downloaded on our website: www.storyofleicester.info/childrenstrail

Your score:

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**More than
250 points:**

You're a Leicester
Leader

**150 - 250
points:**

You're a Leicester
Look-out

**Less than
150 points:**

You're a Leicester
Learner

Now you know how to seek out Leicester's secrets, you'll find all sorts of surprises all over the city. Keep looking up, down and around!

Answers:

- Simon de Montfort, William Wigston, Thomas White and Gabriel Newton
- Rugby, cricket, football.
Bonus question: Leicester City FC
- Pyramids
- Left: Day (eyes open).
Right: Night (eyes closed)
- Crab, eel, fish, octopus or squid, scallop
- Red
- On top of a weather vane on the roof
- A trumpet and a book
- Mercury
- South Africa
- A lion (representing England) and a unicorn (representing Scotland)
- Horses were bought and sold at a market here.
- Sir Israel Hart
- Night shows the moon, an owl and poppies (which are supposed to send you to sleep); Day shows the sun, sunflowers and a flying duck.
- The lions have wings
- A horn, a lute (guitar), a lyre or harp, and cymbals.
- Electric Theatre
- Mary Queen of Scots, James I, Charles I
- Sea Breeze
- Grizzly Bear – Canada, Kangaroo – Australia, Ostrich – Africa, Tiger – India, Camel – Egypt
- Butler's Goods Entrance
- A globe and some figures
- Two on O'Neill's pub and one on No. 6 Loseby Lane
- Agriculture is on the left (look for apples) and Commerce is on the right (look for a ship)
- May
- A sundial
- The Cank Well
- 10
- A stocking. In the 1800s Leicester was famous for making stockings
- Mercury
- Deer, mink, beaver, fox or wolf, stoat (or ermine), hare or rabbit

