

Hello, thanks for joining us on this audio storywalk. You'll need this map to discover all our stories! Lore of the Wild is a two hour experience, to enjoy solo or with friends. Be careful: there are steep inclines and some tricky terrain. This walking route is not accessible for wheelchair users, however you can download the stories and follow this map wherever you like.

You will need:

A fully charged smartphone, headphones clothes suited to the weather, walking and the woods, water and a trip to the loo before we begin.

How to listen to Lore of the Wild stories on your phone:

Visit: <https://linktr.ee/loreofthewild>

And click on the link to your preferred podcast provider.

Spotify: Click on the download arrow to enable you to listen throughout the wood.

Soundcloud: Click on the heart button to ensure you hear the stories everywhere.

Once you've done that...we're ready, let's go! Walk past the gardens opposite the café and turn right, walk along the path, up the stairs and you should see the old Well on your righthand side. See it? You're in the right place! Now slip on your headphones, twitch your tail and follow the map.

Go to track one, press 'play' and you'll hear a voice. Slowly the natural sounds begin to mingle with recorded sounds and you can begin your journey.

At the end of each story you'll hear a bell - time to slip off your headphones and listen to the world around you. Follow the map to the next point and when you arrive put your headphones back on, click on the next story in the playlist. At the end of your journey, exchange the magic words you learnt on the route for a free postcard at the café - and share your wild story with a friend....

1. Wild Welcome

Stand near the old well and listen to a story of hope & a homecoming

2. Cross Roads

Pause where the paths cross and listen to the Crow's tale of friendship & flight

3. Greenway

Sit near New Road and listen to the Ant's story of paths & a deadly skydance

4. Fox Clearing

Stop in the clearing and listen to Fox's story of shapeshifting, treasure & a ragged rebel army

5. Conduit Pond

Gaze at the water's edge and listen to Pond's story of treasured memories & menacing myths

6. Nut Alley

Dance amongst the tall trees and listen to Squirrel's story about tree planting & a life-affirming storm

Creative Team

Lore of the Wild has been created by Bernadette Russell and Sophie Austin
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7. The Giant

Rest by the fallen ash and listen to Fungi's story of the giant who appears when it rains

8. The Chalk Pit

Look down, through the railings, and listen to Fire's story, of an awesome funeral pyre

9. The Bottom of the Blackheath Sea

Climb the steps and listen to Earth's story of muddy knees & a buried heart

10. The Queen and the Wind

Sit on the wooden throne and listen to a story from the Air of a foul-mouthed Queen

11. The Whispering Path

Walk along the path and listen to old friends who'll bestow upon you many precious gifts

12. The Wild Exit

Meet the Green Man, for one last tale. Walk on, & learn the magic words which you can exchange for one last gift as you leave...

Location: Lesnes Abbey Lodge, Lesnes Abbey Woods, New Road, London, SE2 0AX

Closest Tube station: Abbey Wood Station

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Stores
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Nitrogen
Pollen
Trigon

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Greenway

New Road

The Well

Wild Exit

Abbey Ruins

Café and toilets

Turn right here

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Wild Welcome

