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# Spellbound

Follow **Spellmaster's** instructions as he directs you on a family friendly trail around Stamford Park, gathering everything you need for your perfect Halloween potion.

You can follow the trail map and instructions on this PDF or for a magical experience—download and listen to the wizard on a device as he guides you round the trail.

**Remember to take a little bag with you to collect your ingredients in.**

For Audio trail and instructions  
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# The Spellbound Trail

## The quest begins...

The 'Spellbound' trail is a short 1km circular family trail along surfaced paths in the park and tracks in the woodland. All are suitable for small children and buggies, with just a few very shallow steps.

The trail begins at the rear entrance to the Pavillion Café.

A little bag or pot to collect the natural items along the trail would be useful.



Stamford Park is on the Ashton/Stalybridge border between Darnton Road and A635 Stamford Street, SK15 1NJ



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The 'Spellbound' story trail takes you on a quest to find the ingredients for a special magical potion- just in time for Halloween.

Take a small bag or pot with you to collect your ingredients !

The story is best read out loud ... (even better in a 'Wizard' voice !)

The instructions below will guide you along the route, but if you lose yourself in the magic, then just follow the map.

The quest starts at the back of the Pavillion Café.

Now then my wonderful companions  
I am Tameon the wizard, your guide  
I need your help before Halloween  
When the spirits will walk on this side

Amongst them there may be some sprites  
Who like to cause misery and mayhem  
So I need your help to find items  
To make potions in order to stop them

Follow my instructions and you will be clear  
Of the things you will need to collect  
So this potion can be used on Halloween night  
Your dwelling place to protect

## 1 Start at the back of the park café.

From the back of the café, take the path to the right  
Up the hill don't bear off keep straight  
Head for the lake but don't go that far  
Till on your left you see a wooden gate

## 2 Here is the wooden gate to your left Now this you will need to pass through And follow the path as it slowly descends Past the steps and the bench on the left too

As you stroll into this magical place  
Watch out for the faeries at play  
And make sure that you collect as you go  
Six different dead leaves on the way

Make sure you respect this woodland place  
Where the flora and fauna grow free  
And only choose leaves that lie on the ground  
Don't pull them from off the trees

Pass along till you reach some steps to your left  
Then prepare for your next command  
Until then my companions enjoy this space  
Where nature's allowed to abound

## 3 Part way up the steps on the right you will see A conifer standing tall It's roots are exposed for all to see But don't worry it will not fall

From around its base collect some needles  
That it's shed on to the ground  
Or perhaps some other offerings  
That the woodland has left around

Now back down the steps, back on to the path  
Continuing down the decline  
Down the shallow steps taking care as you go  
At the bottom listen to my next rhyme

## 4 At the foot of the steps as you look ahead To your right is a rocky outcrop Some say this was the home of the goblin king Till his tyranny came to a stop

Straight ahead to your left is some tall bamboo  
Which is what everyone believes  
That the goblin king was turned into  
So from around it collect fallen leaves

These are empowered with powerful magic  
Once you have some it's time to be gone  
Keep left and follow the path before you  
Till a bridge you will happen upon

What ever you do, do not cross this bridge  
That may be a step too far  
For it's said that a troll lives underneath  
So stay safe on this side where you are

It is said powerful magic's been left on this bridge  
Which can calm evil creatures so cross  
So we need to gather from these stone walls  
A small pinch of pixie moss



Now carry on along the path you've been following  
Until you reach the top  
Where the woodland path leads back to the park  
At this point you will need to stop

- 5** Cross over the path to a smaller one opposite  
Before you is a memorial stone  
Perhaps walk around it and carefully look  
For the name I know is shown

Now turn left and walk to the apple tree  
But right now, do not go around  
Stand before it and look it carefully  
And see what has dropped to the ground

- 6**

Collect just one fallen apple  
Perhaps one as whole as can be  
Fear not that anyone will stop you  
As this nature's fruit is free

Follow the path right around the tree  
Head out left, then turn left again  
Here you will see an obelisk  
On it Rayner-Stephens is the name

- 7** Turn right from here then on your left  
Are two magic twisted Hazel trees  
From on the ground beneath them see  
If you can gather some twigs or leaves

Continue along the path we are now on  
Till you see the monkey puzzle tree  
Straight in front is a pillar from the old Ashton Market  
Standing tall as constant memory

Keep that tree to your left as you carry on straight  
Make sure to keep your heads  
Now to your left you should be able to see  
The place for flower beds

- 8** Whilst you are here there is something to collect  
But watch out for any nettles  
You need to pick up any size or colour  
Of some of the fallen leaves, twigs or petals

You are coming towards the end of your quest  
Time for the final dash  
Back you come to the very same path  
Look for the giant ash

- 9** This tree is ancient and powerful  
And will give you the energy you need  
Now skip around the tree anticlockwise three times  
Make sure to do this at speed

Carry straight on this path to the edge of the grass  
Turn left to see benches and monument  
Walk until you reach a T-junction, turn right  
Your journey ends in a few moments

- 10** Bear left up the slope past the aviary  
Gathering petals or seeds as you go  
The end of your journey is almost in sight  
So make sure you don't go too slow

When you see the raised brick-built seating place  
Bear right. On the left there's a tunnel  
Altogether as a family  
Through these willows you will need to funnel

- 11** You have made it to the magic log circle  
Your quest is almost done  
Place your treasures upon a log table  
We're going to have some fun

Using a stone or something hard  
Give the ingredients a really good bash  
When pounded down as small as can be  
You'll need a bag to store your stash

This special potion you must keep safe  
Till the night of Halloween  
When you will use this to drive away  
Any evil spirits unseen.

On 31st October you must then  
create your final charm  
If you use the potion with some magical words  
your family will be safe from harm.

Just sprinkle the potion outside your door  
as your spell is cast  
then evil spirits will come no more  
**and good fortune everlast.**

## Congratulations on completing the 'Spellbound' quest.

Have a magical Halloween at home and stay safe!

On 31st October, Halloween, if you follow  
the link you can listen to the 'Spellmaster'  
complete the magic via a  
downloadable audio file.

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