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A Visual Story



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I am going to visit Burghley House, which is a big house next to the town of Stamford. It also has a large garden, and an Adventure Play area that I can visit while I am here.

Choosing My Adventure 🌳 🏰

I can choose where I would like to go. There are different tickets I can choose on the website:

- If I buy a ticket to see inside the house, this also includes the Gardens and Adventure Play Area.
- I can also choose to only visit the garden and Adventure Play area.
- The Parkland is free to access if I would like to spend the day outside.

Book your tickets & prices: [Burghley House | Day Ticket Prices](#)

Helpful tips whilst visiting



- The Adventure Play area might be busy. There might be loud noises as other children and families play 🗣️. There will be bright areas ☀️ and shaded areas under the trees 🌳.
- I must stay with my friends and family who have brought me at all times.
- I can borrow a sensory bag from the First Aid Room. There are fiddle toys to help me stay calm if I feel overwhelmed. I can use mood cards to share how I am feeling at any time 😊 😐 😞.
- If I need some quiet time, I can rest on a bench or find a calm spot under a tree where it's quieter and more peaceful.



- I can play on the wooden climbing equipment and go down the slides
- I must not climb on the green fences. They are there to keep me safe.

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I will be given a Spymaster's Guide when I arrive. I will be able to draw in this whilst I am in the Adventure Play area.

There is a secret code I have to crack! The codes can be found as I walk through the play area.

I feel like a real adventurer!

Arriving at the Adventure Play area 🚗 🌸

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As I arrive at Burghley House, I might hear the gentle hum of car engines as other visitors park their cars. The gravel underfoot may crunch as I step out, and I might feel the breeze on my face. Birds may be singing in the trees, and I might notice the scent of fresh grass or flowers nearby.

As I step into the play area, I hear the excited laughter of other children all around me. I may have to wait in line so that other families can have their ticket checked. When it is my turn, I go to the Ticket Desk, and a friendly member of staff will say hello to me and check my ticket. I will know they are staff members as they will have a Burghley House uniform on. It is okay to speak to staff members at any time if I need help.

I collect my Spymaster's Guide, and I am ready to start my adventure!



I walk through an archway that takes me to the Butterfly Banks.

The gravel crunches under my feet, and I can smell the scent of brightly coloured flowers.

I may see bees and butterflies flying about and birds chirping as I follow the path.

As I am still close to the car park, I may hear the sound of engines or car doors opening and closing as more visitors arrive.



I crouch down and crawl into a secret tunnel. The cool air brushes against my arms, and the tunnel walls feel bumpy beneath my fingertips. I hear muffled giggles from another tunnel nearby.

It might be dark in the tunnels, so I do not have to crawl through if I am not feeling brave.

The Whispering Woods 🌲🔔

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I find a special wall with pictures of animals on it — moles, mice, foxes, and rabbits.

My fingers trace their bodies, feeling the different textures. Next to me, wind chimes tinkle softly in the breeze, their sound like tiny bells dancing through the air.

If I need some quiet time, this area feels cool and calm. I can sit and listen to the gentle sounds around me.

Woodland Play and Den Building 🌲 🏠

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I reach a woodland play area filled with fallen logs to climb. The wood feels rough and natural beneath my hands. Around me, I hear the excited chatter of other children playing among the logs, their voices mixing with the rustling leaves from the trees.

At the top of the Magpie's Lookout Nest, I can see across the play area. The wooden ramp creaks under my shoes, but it feels safe and sturdy.

Across the path, I find a den-building area. I pick up sticks with rough, cool bark. Piece by piece, I build a secret shelter just for me. Once I'm finished, I crawl inside, feeling calm and cozy in my little hideaway.

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Woodhenge! 🏰 🌿

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In the middle of this shaded spot is a throne, carved from a tree trunk. Its surface has grooves and ridges. My fingertips trace the grain, following its twists and turns. The air smells earthy and calm. This area feels peaceful—a quiet break from the busier parts of the adventure.

When I am ready, I can cross the wooden bridge that takes me to the next bit of my adventure!

The wooden bridge is sturdy and doesn't move as I walk over it. I can hear my footsteps as I cross over.

To the Secret Towers! 🏰 📖

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I am very excited as I look up the path towards the Hidden Towers. The path has tall trees on either side, making it feel a little darker, like a secret tunnel leading to something amazing.

I can hear the rustling of leaves as the wind blows through them, whispering to me to keep going. The path gets a little steeper, and my legs feel warm from climbing, but I don't mind. The gravel crunches under my feet with every step, and my heart beats faster because I can't wait to reach the top!



I've made it!

As I climb up the wooden ramp, I feel the grain of the wood under my hands. My feet tap against the surface, and I can hear the echo of my movements. Higher and higher I go, my heart beating faster with excitement. The wobbly walkway sways gently beneath me, making my tummy flutter, but I hold on tight to the railings and take careful steps.

Hide and Secrets 🏰 🪜

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Inside the Hidden Towers, I can hear other children laughing and shouting as they play. Their voices bounce and echo around me, making it sound like the towers are alive with excitement. I climb up the wooden steps, my fingers gripping the smooth railings.

Up and down I go, crawling through tunnels that feel cool and snug, like secret passageways just for me. The wobbly walkways tremble gently under my feet, making me giggle as I try to keep my balance.

I find a mirror that stretches and bends my reflection, making me look silly and wobbly. I laugh at the funny shapes and make faces at myself. There are blocks I can twist and look at the different pictures.

Everywhere I turn, there's something new to explore. It's like being in a giant wooden castle built for adventure!



The Thrill of the Slides! 🎢

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I take a deep breath and sit at the top of the enormous slide. The smooth surface feels cool beneath my hands. I push off, and suddenly, I'm zooming down, the wind rushing past my face and my tummy flipping with excitement.

A soft thud signals the end of the ride as I land safely at the bottom, laughing and ready to go again.



Crossing the Rope Bridge 🏰

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The rope bridge stretches in front of me, swaying slightly as I step onto it. My fingers grip the ropes tightly, their rough texture reassuring in my hands. I must not climb on the net; this is there to keep me safe so that I do not fall off the bridge.

Below me, I see the deep craggy gorge, but I keep going, one foot in front of the other. The bridge wobbles slightly, and I feel the bounce beneath my steps, but I know I can do it!

Reaching the tree top lookout platform, I feel proud when I reach the other side!



After so much excitement, I take a break on a nearby bench. My legs feel tired but happy from all the climbing and running. The sounds of the adventure continue around me—slides whooshing, bridges creaking, and friends whispering their latest discoveries.

I take a deep breath, the scent of wood and fresh air filling my nose. This has been the best adventure ever, and I can't wait to come back and explore again. And if I ever feel like leaving early that's okay, too. I can always come back another time.

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Thank you