



Clue: Lake Spiral! This aquatic Fairy wants to know how we can protect clean water around the world.

Like a mermaid's slippery daughter
Nixie likes life in the water!
To hide her form, she shifts her shape
You might come close,
But she'll escape.
To find her door make no mistake,
You can't go wrong around Bird Lake!

Clue: Urban Green! These Fairies have lived in a community all their lives and rely on one another.

Hobbits, they say, are homebody types;
They sit by the fire and puff on their pipes.
They live in a village that's known as a shire,
And when visitors come, throw a log on the fire!
Their doors are always open, just give them a knock
You won't need a key 'cause there isn't a lock.



Clue: Bald Eagles! This Fairy was born without wings and wants to learn about birds who can't fly.



A pixie can do many things
Unless those things require wings!
Though she exceeds the speed of light
She does not have the gift of flight.
So like our Zoo bald eagle pals
She is found perched above the ground.
She's fleet and shifty, hard to find
But here's a hint to keep in mind—
Because the Pixie cannot fly,
You will not find her door up high!

Clue: Vultures! This Fairy lives under fallen leaves in winter and appreciates the entire life cycle, including death.

A magic paintbrush in her hand,
The Sprite flies through the autumn land.
She paints the leaves from green to red
and lays them on the forest bed.
They decompose into the earth
And feed the seeds that soon give birth.
Then with the help of wind and bees
They blossom into mighty trees.
In spring they flower red, pink, white.
For all this we must thank the Sprite!
Feel free to give her all your best
Her door is near the raven's nest.



Clue: Vampire Bats!
This nocturnal Fairy loves all things that live in the dark and couldn't wait to meet real vampires.

The Mare wakes us with scary dreams,
As while we sleep is when she schemes.
Like vampire bats she flees the light
And feasts on those who sleep by night.
Now here's your chance to make her wary
Say you're not afraid—she's not scary!



Clue: Spiders Alive! This tiny Fairy wants to get to know some of our planet's smallest animals.

You will not find the Fairyfly
In any bug museum,
And even if you did, you'd need a
Microscope to see him.
He's smaller than a single cell
But he can swim and soar.
And since he is our smallest guest,
He gets the largest door!



A GUIDEBOOK TO:

THE Fairy Trail

Find hidden Fairy doors around the Zoo,
and learn about animals and their habitats!



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THE Fairy Trail

Another secretive population has also put down roots at Philadelphia Zoo—Fairies! There are as many different Fairies as there are species here at the Zoo, and just like the animals we care for every day, each of them has their own unique needs. We welcome you to search for doors to the Fairies' abodes, as you enjoy time outdoors! We have found 12 different doors throughout the Zoo—so far! Some are hidden low to the ground, some are higher among tall plants, others are near water or attached to buildings. Each of these Fairies was attracted to our peaceful Zoological garden, filled with amazing wildlife and happy humans. We're proud that we've created a space that many creatures can call home!

Can't find them all? We can help! Scan the QR code on this cover or any sign by a Fairy door for more information, and a map that shows where each Fairy door is located around the Zoo.

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Clue: Welcome to the Zoo!
This Fairy was the first to come to the Zoo and loves to see all our excited guests when they arrive.

Follow these rhymes
And look for these clues.
Visit our animals
All around the Zoo!
If you spot a door,
Be quiet, don't pull!
We don't want to disturb
our Fairy friends at all.



Clue: My Wild Backyard! This Fairy came from South America to see our migratory birds in their northern homes.



Here's a bit of Fairy trivia
From far south where birds migrate.
Deep in the forests of Bolivia
Lives a tiny man with a shiny pate.
He's a weather-changing Fairy,
And Acalica is his name.
When thunder roars & skies look scary
He's the one you need to blame!
So if you like your weather mild
Please don't knock on his door.
You might trigger something wild,
Snow and sleet and hail will pour!

Clue: Reptile House! This Fairy Dragon wants to live with frogs and take care of the water's ecosystem.

With a scaly tail and
Armored wings,
our baby dragon's trying
To master the tricks of the
Dragon's trade like breathing
Fire and flying!
But as of now he's still not larger
Than the average mouse.
So do not fear to come too near,
His door is near the Reptile House.



Clue: KidZooV! This Fairy wants to learn how humans and animals can live together as companions.



The Brownie's a Fairy
Who means no harm.
He lives in a pasture
And loves to farm.
He gets up early while we sleep
To milk our cows and feed our sheep.
Though he himself you might not view,
You'll find his door at KidZooV!

Clue: Big Cat Falls! This Fairy came from the carnivorous plants of the Pine Barrens to learn about our biggest predators.

Some say he walks on cloven feet
And flies on leathery wings.
He has the head of a dog, face of a
Horse—his claws are fearsome things!
He lives in the Barrens
Where it's dark as ink—
But he's not as scary as you'd think.
Here at the Zoo he makes his home
Where the grass is tall and Big Cat's room.
But next to a tiger? I ask you on the level,
Who's afraid of the Jersey Devil?



Clue: orangutan yard! This Fairy came from a forest with amazing plants and animals that they want to protect.



For every forest animal, she's a guiding spirit.
A graceful nymph, she guards her tree
From all who come near it.
She stands alert to block the trunk
From saws that buzz.
As if her life depends on it because,
In fact, it does!
You'll find her door not far
From where orangutans reside
But if she hears you coming,
She'll likely run and hide!