



Woodland Fairies

Hello and welcome to Corkagh Park's Fairy Woods!

Everyone at the South Dublin County Council and The Irish Fairy Door Company are so delighted you could all make it here today. We hope you enjoy yourselves and that this will be the first visit of many visits to the Fairy Wood!

Like humans, fairies are all different. Some like raisins while others prefer cheerios. Some fairies giggle whereas others chuckle. Whatever way you look at it, although like us, fairies are primarily the same, they all have different likes and dislikes. This is why when we at The Irish Fairy Door Company received this letter from Queen Kate of the National Fairy Council last November we were very excited.

My dear friends,

We are all so very pleased we chose The Irish Fairy Door Company to help us find loving human homes for our fairies. All reports have been so positive it brings a tear to my fairy eye! Reading all about the happiness being felt among the fairies is just so wonderful. A thousand thank you's!

We have a number of fairies here in the valley who very much love animals and nature and are hoping to find a place within that setting. Being close to nature but yet with lots of humans popping by to visit would just be perfect for these fairies. I know this is a lot to ask of you all, considering all the help you have already given us but do you think you could help these fairies find a nice, safe and protected woodland to live in?

We have two groups of 12 fairies needing homes. You don't need to worry about warmth or food as these fairies are very skilled at making cosy tree homes and eat wild berries and fruit. They do however need humans to visit regularly because as we all know in order to be happy and healthy, all fairies need to be loved and believed in.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you so much for your help.

Your faithful fairy friend, Kate x



We were all so moved and honoured in HQ that we got to work quickly. We asked everyone we knew where they thought would suit these fairies. It was in fact a child who found the perfect place. One weekend while out walking with her mum in the park a little girl called Eanáir looked up into the trees.

"I wish fairies lived here", she said.

"Where? Do you mean here in the woods?" Her mum asked.

"Yes in the trees" she smiled. Just then it came to Eanáir's mum like a bolt of lightning - a park would be a perfect place for woodland fairies! As luck would have it. Eanáir's mum worked for The Irish Fairy Door Company so the idea quickly spread. It was very easy to find believers in the South Dublin County Council and they were delighted to get in touch with the park rangers and help organise this beautiful fairy wood. Queen Kate was alerted and before we knew it, the first family of fairies packed their fairy cases and flew here, to Corkagh Park and moved straight in to the beautiful trees.

In this wood you will see Luna: the moonlight fairy's home, Maple: the sugar sweet fairy, Conker: the September fairy, Ray: the sunshine fairy and lots, lots more. Can you find them all? Make sure you go up and introduce yourself! All of the fairies will be listening from behind each of their doors. Do you hear anything else? Shusssh, what can you hear?

To say thank you the National Fairy Council also gave magical strength to two very important trees in this wood. The first one is the Worry Tree. All you need to do is place your hand on him and he will take all your worries away. The second one is the Wishing Tree, just hug this big loving grandfather tree and 'sit 'n' wish' for a moment. This tree has magical powers!

One last tree still remains - Big Red! If you want good luck for life, find Big Red and rub his bark. This is one special tree!

This fairy wood is now here for everyone to enjoy as often as you like! It was a dream for a long time but now it's come true for young and old alike. Tell all your friends about the fairies and come back soon to visit! They will remember you. Enjoy the magic xx.



Can you match the right colour toadstool to the fairy tree?

-  Síog – she is the Head Fairy of the wood and lives in a grand oak tree
-  Willow – this fairy guards the younger Worry Tree next door
-  Ray – a special fairy, his tree faces East so he can watch the rising sun in the morning and help the sun shine through the trees
-  Conker – a nature fairy who loves September – can you guess why?
-  Luna – the moonlight fairy loves cloudless nights as she sits in her lime tree looking at the moon
-  Big Red – guardian of the fairy wood and all fairies who live there, his red cedar tree is one of only a few in Ireland. Many years ago it was used as a punching bag by boxers! If his bark feels soft to your touch, you know you are lucky!
-  Bloom – the flower fairy, she helps the flowers grow in Spring and Summer
-  Maple – the sugar sweet fairy, she loves treats! Her door is in a crack in the bark, close to the sweet sap of the tree
-  Storm – a calming fairy, not afraid of really bad weather. His original tree was hit by lightning so he moved to a new tree next door. Can you see the old tree?
-  Twinkle – this fairy can make anybody smile with the twinkle of an eye. If you look back through the leaves you can see the light twinkling through the leaves
-  Bart – the tree fairy, he talks to and protects the trees from this end of the wood
-  Wishing tree – our Grandfather tree is 140 years old! Give him a hug and sit in the Wishing Seat to make a wish – it may come true!
-  Worry tree – lay your hand on this tree and it will take all your worries away