



DISCOVER CLIFTON



ROSIE TRAIL

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Did you know?

“Clifton” means cliff town, named after the tall Avon Gorge cliffs. Long ago, people here lived like one big family — and the village spirit still lives on today!

Long, long ago...

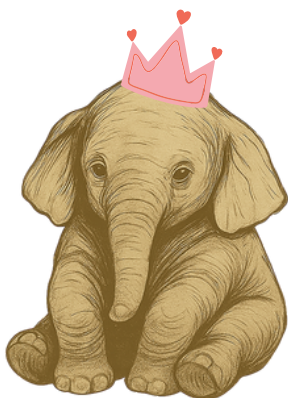
Prehistoric people once lived here, hunting animals and making tools.

They may have sheltered in the cliffs’ ancient caves, and fossils of mammoths and woolly rhinos have even been found nearby!

Now it’s your turn to explore...



MEET ROSIE... A CLIFTON LEGEND



I'm Rosie the elephant!

Born in 1925, I came to Bristol Zoo in 1938. For over 20 years, I gave rides to thousands of children.

Every weekend, I walked through Clifton Village, giving rides and stopping for treats.

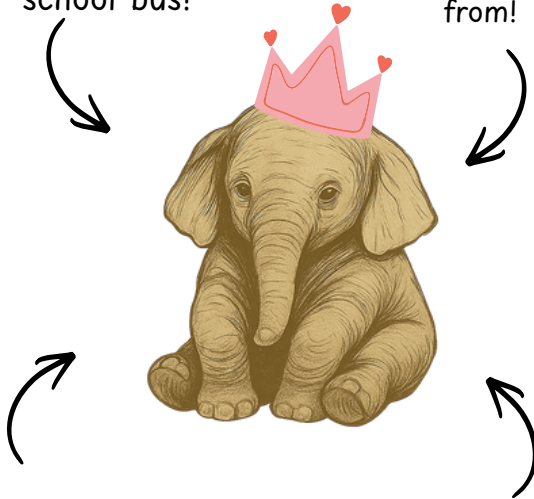
The children loved me, and I loved them too!



GENTLE GIANTS

Elephants are the largest land animals on Earth. Some can weigh as much as a school bus!

Elephants have amazing memories. That's where the saying "an elephant never forgets" comes from!



They use their trunks like a super tool. Elephants can use their trunks to drink water, pick up food, spray themselves, and even give hugs.

Their ears help keep them cool - Big ears act like fans, helping elephants stay comfortable in hot weather.



All About Me



I am...

Elephants are Super Smart! • We have brilliant memories – we can remember places, people, and even feelings for years. •

Elephants can mourn their loved ones and even visit the place where a friend has passed. • We've been seen using tools, solving puzzles, and comforting each other when sad.

Meet the Elephant Family!

There are three types of elephants in the world: • African Savannah Elephant – The biggest land animal on Earth! •

African Forest Elephant – A little smaller and loves rainforest life. •

Asian Elephant – That's me! We're a bit smaller than African elephants and have cute rounded ears.

Gentle Giants • Even though we're huge, elephants are peaceful and kind animals. • We live in close families, led by the oldest female, called a matriarch. • We love to hug with our trunks, babysit calves, and play in the mud together.

Favorite Food

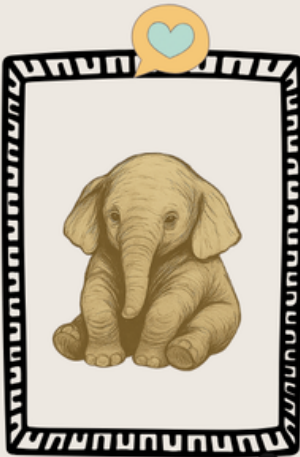
Elephants eat between 149 and 169 kg (330-375 lb.) of vegetation daily.

Sixteen to eighteen hours, or nearly 80% of an elephant's day is spent feeding.

Elephants consume grasses, small plants, bushes, fruit, twigs, tree bark, and roots.



FUN FACTS



Cool Elephant Tricks
Flap huge ears to stay cool 🧊
Cover themselves in mud
sunscreen 🌂
Cry when sad 😭
Trumpet when happy or angry 🐘
Mourn their dead 🕯️

Elephants are scared of bees 🐝 and hate ants 🐜!

Amazing Elephant Moves
They cannot jump ✖️
Can run up to 25 mph 🏃
Can walk up to 80 miles in a
day! 🦶



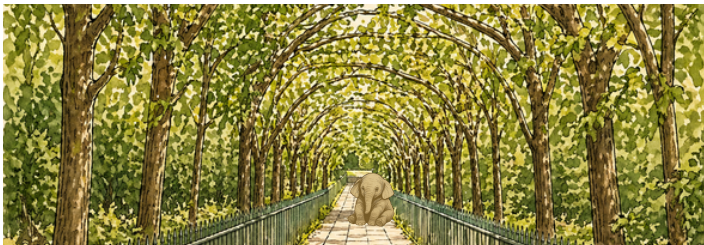
Let's Begin!



Welcome to Rosie's magical Clifton adventure!

There's so much to see, from hidden gems to famous landmarks.

Ready? Let's go!



1. Birdcage Walk

Start your adventure in the most enchanting path in all of Bristol! Rosie the Elephant loves it here because the tall trees make a tunnel of green, like stepping into a storybook.

Keep your eyes peeled for cheeky squirrels racing along the branches. If you bring a few little treats, they might even come close to say hello!



2.Clifton Arcade



Next, pop into Clifton Arcade — a Victorian gem brimming with character. Built in 1878, it feels like stepping back in time.

Behind its elegant arches and glass roof, you'll find independent boutiques, antique treasures, and small shops full of curiosities.

Rosie says it's like stepping into a secret toy box, where sparkly trinkets, old-fashioned sweets, and curious objects wait to be discovered.





3. Clifton Library

Time for a little rest at Clifton Library!

It's not just about books — there's lots to enjoy here:

- Table Tennis (Mondays & Wednesdays) — fast-paced fun
- Book Group (last Tuesday of the month) — share your favourite stories
- Clifton Crafters (Wednesdays) — get creative
- Film Fridays & Wednesday Matinees — sit back and relax

You'll also find digital resources, helpful information, and a friendly place to recharge before your next adventure.



Did you know... Elephants can even recognise themselves in the mirror!



4. Royal York Crescent

Next up is the grand Royal York Crescent!

Rosie thinks these huge, curving houses look like a palace fit for kings and queens. In fact, it's one of the longest terraces in Europe!

Take a stroll and see how many interesting details you can spot along the way.





5. Possible Pooh Corner

Now for something truly magical — Possible Pooh Corner!

It's believed that during visits to a teashop once located here, author A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shepard shared ideas and sketches...

And that's where the very first thoughts of a "silly old bear" — Winnie-the-Pooh — may have begun!

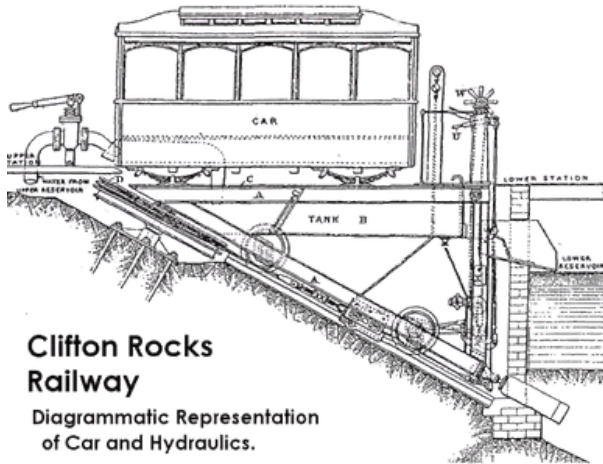


6. The Paragon

Next, we reach Paragon! Rosie says this street is full of grand, tall houses that could belong to kings, queens, or wizards.

Built hundreds of years ago, many feature carved doors that are sure to make a big impression!





7. Clifton Rocks Railway

Clifton once had its very own cliff railway!

It carried people up and down the steep cliffs using strong cables instead of tracks. It opened in 1893 and travelled through tunnels inside the Avon Gorge.

People used it to get between Hotwells and Clifton Village quickly.

Although it closed in 1934, the tunnels were later used as air raid shelters during World War II — full of history and adventure!

We can't wait for it to open again!



8. Observatory & Giants Caves

Adventure time!

Climb for amazing views, explore the cave, and try the magical Camera Obscura.



Fun Things To Do

- Climb the observatory for amazing views.
- Explore Giant's Cave and imagine hidden treasure!
- Try the Camera Obscura and see the world like magic.
- Enjoy the playground, then grab a snack at the café.





9. Clifton Suspension Bridge

An amazing bridge and an icon of Bristol!

- It's long as two football fields
- It took over 30 years to build
- The chains weigh as much as 60 elephants!

If you're feeling brave enough, cross the bridge and visit the Suspension Bridge Visitor Centre!



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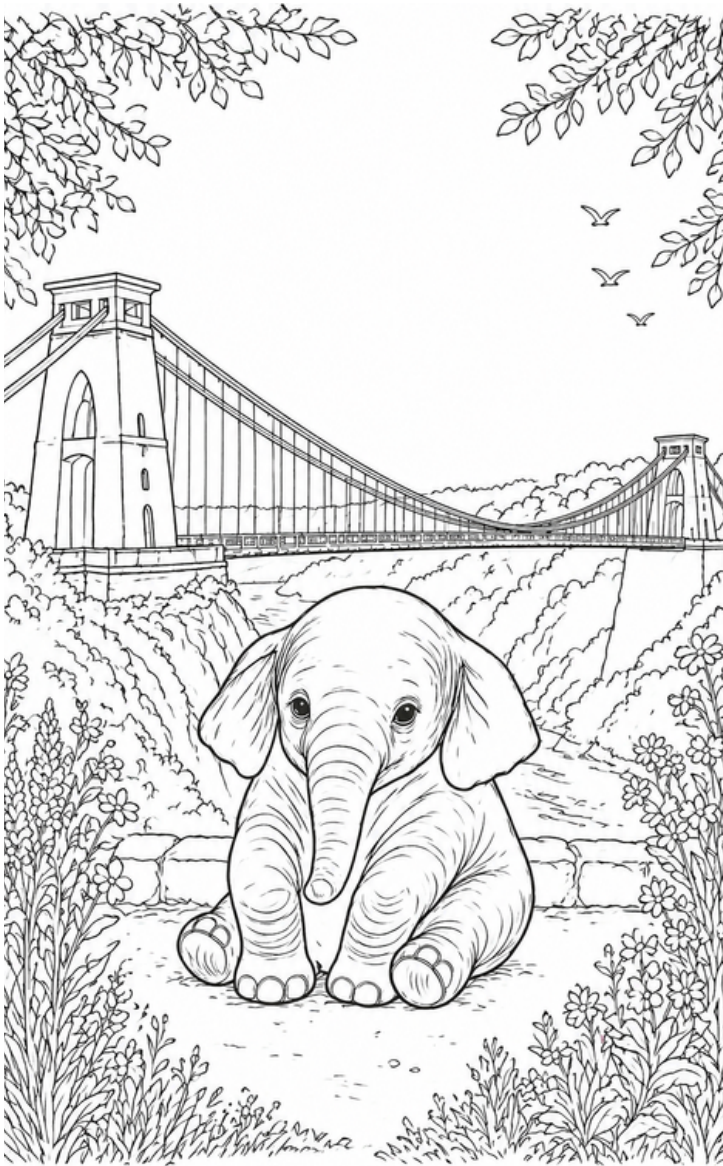
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Colour in Rosie



Rosie Quiz

When was Rosie born?

- a) 1925
- b) 1950
- c) 1900

Why do elephants have big ears?

- a) To help them fly
- b) To keep them cool
- c) To hear music

What do elephants use their trunks for?

- a) Only smelling
- b) Only eating
- c) Drinking, picking things up, and more

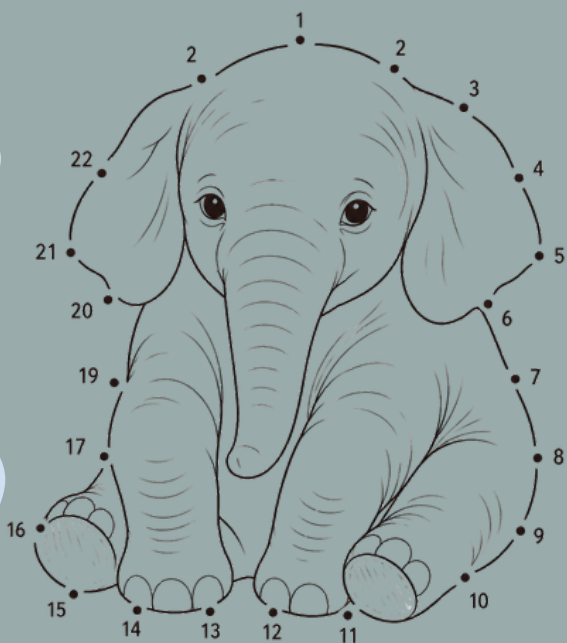
What is the largest land animal on Earth?

- a) Lion
- b) Elephant
- c) Giraffe

What is special about an elephant's memory?

- a) They forget quickly
- b) They only remember food
- c) They have very strong memories





Rosie the Elephant Competition!

Grab your pens, pencils, or paints, and let Rosie take you on a magical journey through Clifton!

Choose your adventure:

Write a magical story about Rosie and her exciting adventures

OR

Draw a colourful picture of Rosie exploring Clifton's amazing landmarks

Prizes:

Honourable mentions, certificates, small treats, and your work will be shared on our website and Instagram page.

Email entries to
bidmanager@bidcliftonvillage.co.uk



**Write your own story
about Rosie**

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Draw your own Rosie

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We hope you had a
fabulous day exploring
Clifton Village with Rosie
-lovingly created just for
you!



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Dedicated to my daughter Sophie.