

ELDRITCH INVESTIGATIONS

CHAPTER NO. 5

MAY 2024

RORSCHACH THEATRE

YOUR DESTINATION

Mitchell Park

1801 23rd Street, NW

Hours:

Visit anytime you like, just note that Mitchell Park closes at dark.

When you arrive at the park, make your way around to the back of the small central building to find the butterfly garden (yes, another.) to get started.



GETTING THERE

Metro: Take Metro to Dupont Circle Station, get out at the north entrance and it's about a 12-minute walk to the west.

Driving: there is street parking in the neighborhood.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Bring your Chapter 5 box.
- Comfortable walking shoes and healthy skepticism.
- You'll need a phone that can access the internet and we strongly recommend a device and headphones for each person in your party. The experience involves listening to three audio files and one video.
- This trip involves about 10 minutes of walking and a few stairs.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- Explore the butterfly garden and then find a seat nearby. Open your box. Read Alistair's August 30th journal entry. Then use the QR code to the right, or type <https://bit.ly/Eldritch22> into your browser and open the Mitchell Park folder to listen to Katherine's 1st Recording "Butterfly Garden".
- Next, head over to the playground area and look for the friendly bear. Find a seat nearby where you can gaze upon his majesty. Browse through your box and find the tiny bear. Look deep into his eyes and gaze upon his tiny majesty, then browse through Katherine's binder and listen to her second recording, "Playground". Now, read Alistair's August 31st entry.
- When you're done, head out of the South side of the park to S Street. Turn left and walk a few feet. On your right, you'll find what's colloquially called The Spanish Steps, though their given name is Decatur Terrace Steps and Fountain. Take in this historic piece of architecture built in 1911 and then listen to Katherine's "Spanish Steps" recording.



A GREAT PSYCHOGEOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION INCLUDES...

WANDERING

as you explore your physical world in a leisurely way

SUBVERTING

your everyday relationship with the city through a fresh perspective

DISCOVERING

the present through the prism of the past

...and maybe a dash of the occult.

As you explore the present, past and fictional world of ELDRITCH INVESTIGATIONS, think about where these ideas converge. If you're moved to snap a photo, sketch a vision or jot down a moment in time - do it.

(or young at heart!)

IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG RORSCHACHER ALONG:

Mitchell Park features a great playground and plenty of field space running around. Walk south from the Spanish steps for more adventures including some truly excellent gelato at Dolcezza Gelato (1704 Connecticut Ave), the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (21st and Q, see "Other Things to Explore"), Fantom Comics (2010 P St) for comics, games, and toys, and consider crossing Lauzun's Legion Bridge on P street over Rock Creek and then veering off into Rose Park with its playground and steep views of the creek below.

HUNGRY?

The Dupont Circle Neighborhood has a staggering amount of food possibilities. Here are a few:

Teaism (2009 R Street) is the original branch of the tea house that serves delicious pan Asian cuisine in a tranquil tea house setting.

Zorba's Cafe (1612 20th Street) is a classic casual Greek cafe with great food, great views, and lots of seating.

Pizzeria Paradiso (2003 P Street) has delicious Italian style wood fired pizzas and a long list of international beers.

AT HOME EXPERIENCE

If you choose not to leave home right now or live far away, find a comfy spot with good lighting to read. Do you have a favorite teddy bear? Or a foreboding painting of a grizzly on a wall nearby? Keep either close and dig into the instructions above.

Don't forget to watch the video exploring the area at rorschachtheatre.com/ei-home.

ACCESSIBILITY

The journey mainly consists of accessible paved sidewalks. Look both ways when you cross the streets and all that good stuff!

A video of the full walk is available via the At Home Experience link: rorschachtheatre.com/ei-home.

OTHER THINGS TO EXPLORE

These diversions (probably) don't pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

- Two spectacular statues stand along Massachusetts Avenue, near the corner of 21st and Q streets: The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial on a triangular island between Massachusetts and Q and the Statue of Goddess Dewi Saraswati right outside the Indonesian Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue.
- If you've never explored the embassies on Embassy Row, this is where they begin and they continue for a couple of miles up Massachusetts Avenue.
- Dupont Underground: The area below Dupont Circle used to be a trolley turnaround and is now a very cool art space that has many events. Check their website to see if there is an event that coincides with your visit: dupontunderground.org

DON'T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR*

Don't bother the bees in the butterfly garden, don't walk through any active baseball games on the field and of course, watch your step on the steps. You got this.

* "Don't move the refrigerator" is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean - "This should be so obvious we don't think we have to say it...but we're saying it anyway."

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