

The Lighthouse in the Forest

GM reference | 120 minutes | Edition 2.0.0

At a glance

This is a landscape navigation problem, not a battle with birds. The camp connects to the ranger hut, bird clearing and cache; the river overlook confirms east independently of the chart. The clearing reaches the beacon by a slow quiet path, while old search ribbons reveal a shorter cache-to-stair route. The mirror platform offers direct adjustment; the service cord at the stair offers an accessible ground-level alternative with an extra work turn. Finite lanterns can be spent on a complete replacement trail or on one guarded camp refuge. End with the flock's direction and the actual travel service: fixed east beacon, slower lantern trail, or dark beacon with travellers waiting at camp.

Truth

Hessa lit the beacon during a successful child search. Its rotating mirror now imitates a river glint and traps the flock in a circle. The real river is east. A fixed eastward beam lets birds follow the real river while keeping a guide; extinguishing the beacon and marking the ranger trail also works but slows travellers.

120-minute route

10m opening; Read the chart and observe the birds 25m; Explore the supply loop and ribbon shortcut 25m; Lay the complete fixed-light route 30m; Darken the beacon and guide a group 20m; 10m closure. Use hut - camp - clearing - hollow - cache, discover ribbons, lay the trail at hollow, then cache - stair - clearing - camp. Three lamps allow an actual replacement service; the alternative platform branch uses rest plus an extra overlook visit.

People

Pax: Let the birds depart before their rest period. Offers: A safe camp and a direct observation of the circling flock. Boundary: Will not send waiting travellers onto an unmarked dark trail.

Demi: Keep a usable night route for travellers. Offers: The lamps currently at camp, a chart and staffed shelter. Boundary: The full night trail needs all three stations, not a token lamp at the entrance.

Rin: Show where the real river lies without disturbing the flock. Offers: Rest rhythm and the river overlook.

Boundary: No chasing or startling birds to force a result.

Hessa: Keep the search light's benefit without trapping migration. Offers: Mirror access and a ground-level service cord. Boundary: Hinge must be secured before alignment; she will extinguish rather than leave a loose mirror.

Events

Quiet work turns at most 2: Rin asks for a final decision. Two work turns can finish a prepared mirror or lay the lantern trail; camp shelter always remains.

Closures

One steady line to the river: Mirror fixed east is true
Three lights below the trees: Three-lantern trail laid is true and Great lamp extinguished is true
A quiet wait beneath the branches: Available

Recovery

If the stair-to-platform edge is blocked, the lowered-mirror actions provide a full alternative at the stair. If fewer than three lanterns remain, do not claim a complete trail: choose the fixed mirror or camp-until-dawn. Both recovery choices allow birds to leave without chasing them.