

Embra Wooded Places of Interest 6:

Green Market

As the name might suggest, and as the crescent face-in-the-moon symbol beside the map indicates, Green Market is part of the great Twilight Market at Embra. No matter what time of day it may have been elsewhere in Embra, at the Twilight Market, it is always a time of day with either twilight, or a low Sun. If the Sun is up, it will be within two hours of sunrise or sunset. If not, for most of the year, it will be within 1½ hours of sunrise or sunset, so there will be at least a degree of lightening in the sky in the general direction of the sub-horizon Sun, with a few of the brighter stars and planets, or more, visible. Increasingly fainter stars will be seen the further the Sun is before sunrise or after sunset. For a period of 40 days before and after the Summer Solstice, however, the twilight lasts all night at Embra. The time between sunset and sunrise for much of this interval is around 7 hours. If greater precision than these guidelines is preferred, use the actual sunset, sunrise and nautical twilight times for any real-world site at Embra's approximate latitude, 54° North.

Further to this, it is possible to access the Twilight Market under special circumstances (as the GM may decide) from any other long-established market or travelling fair anywhere else on Nibirum, when required. It may not be possible to leave the Twilight Market and return to such places so easily afterwards, however! It is though always easier to move between the various parts of the Twilight Market than to go to any other place in Embra, once the Market has been found.

Green Market is a sprawling part of the Twilight Market, set along, between and around four grassy lanes, one from each side of the map border, that meet towards the middle of the map, very approximately, together with a few narrower offshoot paths that connect some of the roads with one another, or which sometimes simply end within part of the Market. The whole is surrounded by denser woodland, The Greenwoods, while the Market itself is effectively a less dense part of The Greenwoods, if also one with many larger and more unusual trees than any other part of the forest nearby. Indeed, the limits of the Market are hard to define exactly, as all the taller, larger and more obviously unusually-coloured mapped trees contain shops and stalls. Some of these are in buildings above the ground in the canopies of the most impressive trees, which can be accessed by ladders, rope hoists, magic or flying. Some are stalls made from woven vegetable fabric hidden among the foliage, or more stoutly-built places, though most are either temporary magical constructions of woven living leaves and branches, or holes in the trunks and woven living parts of the trees that have been deliberately grown that way over longer periods. It is often unclear if the trees are running the stalls within themselves, so that any humanoids encountered are merely staff or servants.

Notes on the labelled map features follow. First though, some more general points.

The misty edge to the mapped area is because, like all the Embra Places maps, Green Market does not link directly to any other specific location in the city. Instead when leaving the mapped zone (or sometimes only when passing some form of threshold within it - GM's choice), the party can return either to the Wooded Places map, or the Embra Official Guide map, from where the GM can select a new location for the players to visit.

While scales are provided alongside the map, accurate to the features as drawn, and directions in these notes refer to the standard pattern of north being towards the map's top as viewed, east to its right-hand edge, and so on, none of these elements need be considered strongly fixed. Such things in the Faerie Realm can be quite fluid, to fit whatever the GM may prefer.

The featured text also beside the map is intended to be used to enhance the experience of using the Market area, with the harper's tree a distinct feature on the map. The text reads: "A russet-robed female Faerie plays a great harp that grows from a large tree. Faerie animals and birds come to listen to her playing. Fae faces swim across the tree's bark. Huge empty purple snail shells lie by its foot."

For greater clarity, note that the FCW file has a toggle to allow the on-map labels to be turned-off, if desired.

Aspects of Green Market

* **Autumn Belle:** A great orange-foliaged tree full of tiny stalls on the northern edge of the Market. The tree also bears orange flowers at certain times of year, whose petals carpet the forest floor nearby when they drop.

* **The Greenwoods:** Two labels indicate the dense woodlands that completely surround the Market. As noted, Green Market is classed as part of The Greenwoods, something clearly apparent when folk in Embra talk of it.

* **Harp Tree:** The great tree of the featured text, set towards the southern edge of the Market. The Harp grows out from its eastern side, which is where the Faerie player is usually to be found.

* **Little End:** A small eastern extension of the Market, enclosed completely by Pink Lanes (see below on these). As usual, there are more stalls among the vegetation throughout this area.

* **Orange Way:** A short, grassy lane on the southern edge of the Market, leading east from its junction with Red Lane right up the Harp Tree, where the Way ends. It is lined by tall orange-foliaged trees, filled with stalls and shops. The trees are smaller versions of the great Autumn Belle tree on the Market's north side, and like that, they too carry orange flowers at times, which carpet the ground here with orange petals when they fall.

* **Pink Lanes:** Although for clarity, labelled only on the eastern side of the map, all the routes lined by pink-foliaged tall trees are known thus across Green Market. Each contains one or more shops or stalls. Like all the other coloured-foliage trees in the Market, those in the Pink Lanes are covered with pale pink blossoms in the springtime. When the petals drop, the Lanes here literally do become pink with great drifts of fallen petals.

* **Red Lane:** A short stretch of grassy path on the southwestern edge of the Market between the west end of Orange Way and the Pink Lane west of Treetop Square, lined with red-foliaged, and in-season red-blossomed, tall trees, filled with shops and stalls.

* **Treetop Circle:** A great tree containing several fairly small buildings at treetop level, set in a ring, with connecting living platforms and large boughs, forming a distinct higher-level feature in the southern part of the Market, a little north of the Harp Tree. The southernmost building in the Circle has large windows that open towards the Harp Tree, and offers seats and refreshments for those wishing to take-in the music, away from the bustle of other places nearer the ground at Green Market.

* **Treetop Square:** A still larger great tree than that holding Treetop Circle, with again a range of, here too somewhat larger, buildings in the treetop, set around a living square platform, all grown from the supporting boughs, and containing numerous small shops and stalls. The tree is just north of Red Lane in the western part of the Market.