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What would you carry in yours?

*A safe keep for
Ely Museum*

This safe keep will protect you from:

Fenland boggarts and big spiders in the museum!

It includes:

A rabbits whisker, a hedgehogs nose & the slime of an eel

It must be worn:

Around your neck at all times in the Fens, but especially at night

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