Chester - The Lakeside Hideaway

Located on the shores of the vast Bexley Lake, Chester is the second largest settlement in the region, with a thriving population of 291 who live off abundant fruit harvests, fishing and bartering at the local market. Quiet and welcoming, this village combines simplicity with natural beauty, providing a peaceful haven for locals and a point of curiosity for the few travelers who pass through the region.

Points of Interest:

- **1 The Green Hearth Tavern -** The main tavern in the village, where travelers and villagers gather to eat, drink and exchange stories. Known for its craft bitter ale and an eternal fireplace that never goes out.
- **2 The Chapel -** A small temple where Father Thallos offers healing and advice to the villagers, but holds a dark secret about his own origins.
- **3 The Village Market -** An open square where villagers sell fresh produce, furs, tools and crafts. Occasionally, traveling merchants bring exotic items from faraway lands.
- **4 The Traveling Stone** A monolith with ancient markings, located at the intersection of the roads leading in and out of the village. It is said to be a forgotten teleportation stone, activated by ancient words, but no villager dares to test it.
- **5 The Elder's House** The home of the village chief, Julius Branwick, an elderly man who leads with wisdom. His home is a meeting place for important decisions.
- **6 The Oak** A gigantic, hollow, yet living oak tree that stands near the village. The villagers believe the tree is a symbol of divine protection. Children play around it, its trunk has ancient markings etched into the wood.
- 7 The Herbalist's Hut A hut in the end of the village where the herbalist Mira lives and works. She provides simple potions and medicines. Rumor has it that she has a connection with local druids.
- **8 The Shadowed Grotto** A hidden cave at the base of a nearby hill. Inside, an underground lake glows with a faint, blue light. It is said that an ancient spirit lives there, offering wisdom or curses to anyone who dares enter.