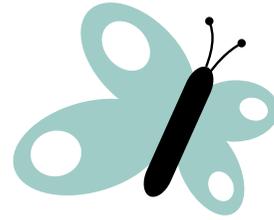


Little Explorers

Garden Trail



We welcome our Little Explorers to the exciting garden here at Chatsworth.



There are over 105 acres, which is the same as 83 football pitches! The garden has changed so much over the past 500 years, with each Duke and Duchess creating all sorts of new and stunning landscapes, waterfalls and ponds.

We hope you enjoy exploring the garden using this special trail.



1 Sensory Garden

Why do you think this is called the Sensory Garden? Can you name all your 5 senses? This garden was the idea of the Duke's son, Lord Burlington, who wanted a garden that would make people think about how much we use our senses. **Can you smell the different flowers and feel the textures of the different leaves? How many different coloured plants can you see?** Listen to the different noises.



4 Balancing Rock

Can you find the rock that wobbles in the rock garden? Give it a gentle push and see it rock! This gigantic set of rocks was created by the 6th Duke's Head Gardener, Joseph Paxton in the 1840s. All of the rocks in this garden were put exactly in place by the gardeners.



2 Cascade

Listen to the water. Can you hear how musical the water sounds? The water flows over slabs which are all different lengths and widths. When the water flows, it sounds musical. **How many levels does the cascade have? Go to the house at the top of the Cascade. What do you think the holes in the floor were used for?** The 1st Duke enjoyed playing tricks on people. When his visitors stood inside the Cascade House he could splatter them with water and catch his unsuspecting visitors by surprise!



5 Maze

Are you getting lost in the Maze? Can you find the centre? Why not time yourself! When the Maze was first created it had grass paths, but as these got worn away the footsteps gave clues as to how to get to the centre. Gravel replaced the grass to stop any cheating!



3 Willow Tree Fountain

What do you think Queen Victoria nicknamed this tree when she visited in 1832 aged 13? The Squirry Willow Tree. This was her favourite thing in the entire garden. What would you have nicknamed the tree?



6 Human Sundial



Try it for yourself. Stand on the current month and see where your shadow falls and this will tell you the time. What time is it?



7 The Strid Pond

How many fish can you count swimming around? These are brown trout. Some brown trout become carnivores and their mouths become bigger so they can eat other fish easily!



8 The Ring Pond

Can you see the carved faces on the four cornered columns? These are called Herms. In ancient Athens they were often used as boundary markers and signposts. Imagine your face as a column. What expression would you make? **Take a look at the Ring Pond itself. Can you see the duck in the middle?** Water spouts from its beak, so it has been nicknamed the 'sick duck pond'! Yuk!



9 The Emperor Fountain

How high do you think the fountain can squirt? The highest it has ever reached is 90 metres. This is the equivalent to 18 giraffes stood on top of one another!

