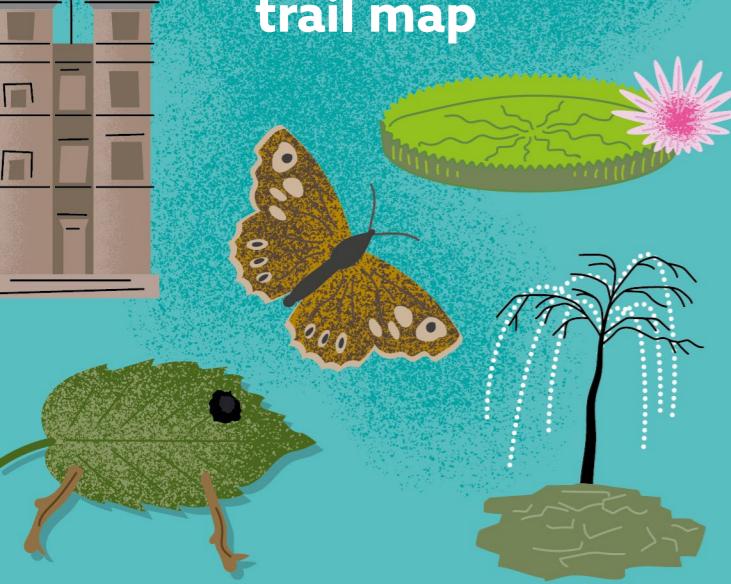


Ways to Play trail map



Explore our beautiful garden and magical woodland, the playful way.

Ways to Play is a trail for children – big, small and young at heart. Follow it through the garden or venture out into Stand Wood, discovering all the fun you can have along the way.

Soak up the sound of nature among the leaves. Let the garden be your playground. Some of the stops on this trail are seasonal, things might look different or be harder to spot.

It's playtime!

Find out more about our family activities at: chatsworth.org/family-activities

Stand Wood

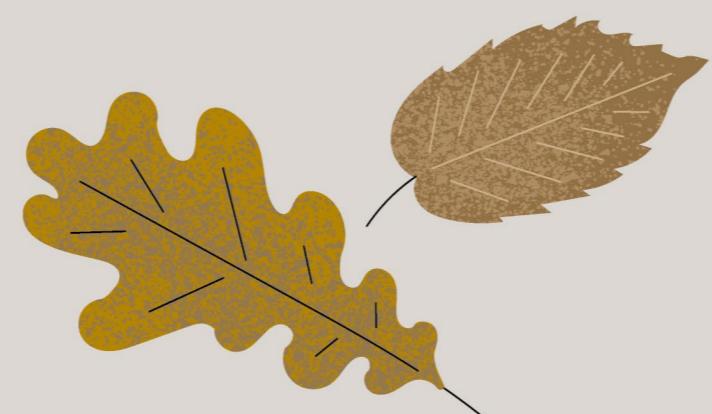
7 Get a view from up high

There are a lot of steps to get up the hill (count them!) but the sights from the top are worth it. Look down. What can you see below? Lie back and look up at the clouds. Do their shapes remind you of anything?



1 Build a den

Create your own hideout using natural materials. First, find your spot. Somewhere flat would do nicely. Gather fallen sticks and branches to lean against a tree for the walls, and dry leaves for a carpet. Now, get building.



2 Sail leaf boats

Ahoy, captain. Make boats from leaves and twigs for an epic race down the stream. Launch them on the water and cheer as they set sail. Maybe an ant or two will hop on for the ride.



6 Make leaf art

Get wild with your imagination by creating a masterpiece from fallen leaves. Shape a forest friend from leaves on a patch of ground – perhaps adding stones for eyes or twigs for whiskers. Pile them up into a sculpture. Or use crayons and paper to take a rubbing.



5 Be a nature detective

All kinds of wildlife live in these woods – look amongst the trees and flowers for woodland birds and butterflies. Peek under dead logs and bark for woodlice, millipedes and beetles. Remember: these are their homes, so be gentle and roll them back.



3 Be a birdwatcher

Eyes on the skies! How many feathered friends can you spot as you head between the trees? Look for birds of different sizes and colours. Do you have a favourite?

4 Explore with your ears

Be still. Close your eyes. Soak up the sounds of the woodland with your ears wide open. Can you hear the rustle of leaves? The chirp of birds? The trickle of water falling from the Sowter Stone?

Garden

The map shows a large garden with a winding path. Key features include a Kitchen Garden, a Cascade, a Hundred Steps, Paxton's Rock Garden, a Serpentine Hedge, an Emperor Fountain and Canal Pond, a Ravine, a Grotto Pond, and a hedge maze. There are also Stables, a Willow Tree Fountain, and a Display House. Various numbered activities are scattered throughout the garden:

- 1 Meet a plant from a land of giants**: Located near the Willow Tree Fountain.
- 2 Don't get wet!**: Located near the Willow Tree Fountain.
- 3 Hide among rocks**: Located near the Rock Garden.
- 4 Be a statue**: Located near the Ring Pond.
- 5 Try not to get lost!**: Located near the hedge maze.
- 6 & 7 Ready, set, build!**: Located near the Grotto Pond.
- 8 Enter the bog garden**: Located near the Bog Garden.
- 9 Swing from a tree**: Located near the Kitchen Garden.

Willow Tree Fountain: A large willow tree with blue water droplets falling from its branches.

Display House: A building with a tiled roof and arched windows.

Stables: A building with a tiled roof and arched windows.

Emperor Fountain and Canal Pond: A fountain with a central spout and a surrounding canal pond.

Rock Garden: A stack of large rocks with green plants growing in crevices.

Bog Garden: A lush, green, overgrown area with a path winding through it.

Ring Pond: A small pond with a statue of a person standing on a rock.

Willow Tree: A tall, slender tree with long, drooping branches.

Swing: A swing hanging from a large tree branch.

Statue: A tall, thin statue of a person in a classical pose.