

# Family Garden Trail



Welcome to the Palace of Holyroodhouse gardens. Use this trail to explore royal history, nature, and wildlife in this beautiful space.



Step inside the Palace gardens - and remember to keep the path!

**Before you go into the garden, look around the cobbled space outside the Abbey.**



Believe it or not, this used to be the home of the Royal Animal Menagerie. Menageries were a collection of exotic animals. King James VI kept a lion, tiger and an ape!

**Can you spot any wildlife as you follow the path into the garden?**

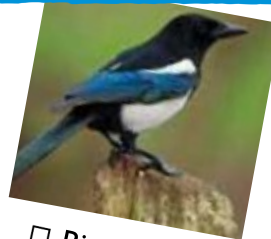
There are lots of squirrels, birds and even a fox den in this wooded area.



☐ Fox



☐ Squirrel



☐ Birds



☐ Butterfly

**Look for the sun and moon dial**

This clever structure was designed to help tell the time using the light from the sun or the moon. It is nearly 400 years old and was made for Mary, Queen of Scots' grandson, Charles I. Mary liked spending time here too. She held a special type of tournament involving two knights on horse backing, carrying heavy lances charging towards each other.



Unscramble these letters to find out what it was called. J I N G O T S U \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Keep walking until you spot this famous fiddler.**



Do you remember David Rizzio? Some people say this is a statue of him because he was known for being a great musician. The wind and the rain have caused quite a lot of damage to his face.

Imagine you have jumped back in time to hear the fiddler play.

I would hear .....

I would feel .....



## Abbey Ruins

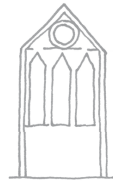
The Abbey used to be much bigger than it looks today. These are the ruins of the other half of the Abbey. It was built in the shape of a cross.

**Look carefully, can you make out the cross shape?** (Remember to include the part of the building behind you.)

**Look for a half circle of stones on the lawn nearby.** This was originally an octagonal building, known as a Chapter House where the abbey monks, called canons, met daily to hear the chapter of rules read aloud.



What do you think the Abbey might have looked like? Complete the rest of the Abbey in this box.

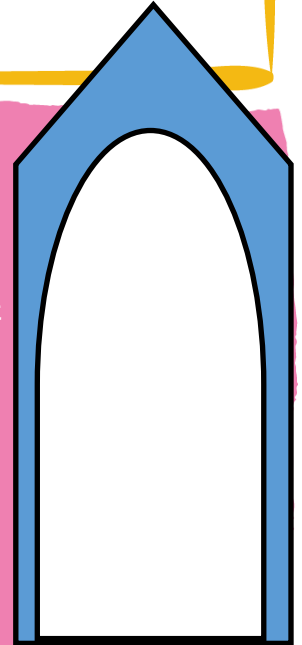


## Solider Guard box

When members of the Royal Family stay at the Palace, soldiers protect the building at the front and back.

You are welcome to stand inside the guard box one at a time!

Imagine you are a guardsman for the Palace. Draw yourself here.



## Royal Staircase

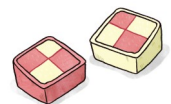
The King and other members of the Royal Family use this stone staircase to walk down to the Garden Party, held here in the summer. The staircase is covered in a red carpet in preparation.

**8,000** guests are invited to the party, **15,000** cups of tea are drunk, **9,000** strawberry tarts and **7,000** sandwiches are eaten. The serving table is **150** meters long! During the garden party, a brass band plays.



## Imagine you were attending the Garden Party.

What would you like to eat? Create your dream menu.



**Congratulations!** You've reached the end of the trail.

The path will now lead you back to the Forecourt.

We hope you enjoyed exploring the Palace Gardens.

