

RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools



Key Stage 2

Map Making

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Curricular Links: Geography and Art



How long will it take?
30 minutes to one hour

What do we need to bring?

Pencils
Paper and clipboards

How do we do it?

- Explore an area of the garden in groups and make a map of the area as you go.
- Try and count paces between features to give a sense of scale.
- Make a note of any movement uphill or downhill.
- Write down description of areas for later use at school.
- Swap maps between groups and see if the children can follow and read each others' maps.

Where can we do it?

Find areas of the garden with distinguishing features such as paths, ponds and large trees. Discuss this on your pre-school visit.

When can we do it?

All year round.



Follow-up Ideas for School

- Produce colour drawings or paintings of your sketched maps, and put on as much detail as you can.
- Think of symbols that you could use to indicate certain features on the maps. Add these symbols to the maps and make a key.
- Look at a map of Essex and find where Hyde Hall is on the map.
- Make a map of your classroom or an area of your school.

