



Have a rest and take in your surroundings in one of our shelters, or have an adventure at one of our play areas.

Have a rest on the 'ribbon' bench and draw the **Queen Mother's Lake**. What reflections can you see? Who do you think is living in the little house?

Take a walk along the **Woodland Ride** and admire the rhododendrons. Keep an eye out for sculptures hiding through the trees. Can you see the troll hiding near the bridge? Don't be afraid to wander off the main path.

Wander through the **Woodland** to visit Old George, one of the oldest trees in the garden. Can you guess how old he is?

Creep into the **Bird Hide** and work out which birds are visiting. Use the spotter's guide on the wall to help you.

Wander through the majestic evergreens in our **Arboretum**. How many different cones can you find? Are there any creatures that call this place home?

How many different colours can you see in the **Main Borders**? Can you spot any pollinating insects visiting the flowers?

What fruit and vegetables can you find growing in the **Kitchen Garden**? Which herbs do you like the smell of? Say hello to our chickens. Can you find out their names?

Wander into the **Alpine House** to see what delights it has to offer.

Did you know..?

- In the Norse language Harlow Carr means 'land reclaimed from bog.'
- The gardens were once part of the Forest of Knaresborough, an ancient royal hunting ground, until springs of sulphur water were discovered.
- In 2010, the Bramall Learning Centre was built, one of the greenest buildings in the country and costing £3.3million.

ICON KEY	
	Toilets/ Disabled facilities/ Baby Changing facilities
	Library
	Shop and Plant Centre
	Restaurant
	Cafe
	Play Area
	Shelter
	Indicates a gradient
	Steps

KEY	
A	Sandstone Rock Garden
B	Streamside
C	Winter Walk
D	Main Borders
E	Kitchen Garden
F	Alpine House
G	Scented Garden
H	Foliage Garden
I	Bird Hide
J	Craggle Top Tree House
K	Children's Play Area
L	Wildflower Meadow
M	Logness Monster
N	Bettys Trees For Life Project

Extra Activities for Explorers

Letter Hunt

Try and find 26 different things in the garden – one for each letter of the alphabet. Good luck with X and Z!



As you Walk...

Look for patterns in nature. Find shapes in buildings and paths. Count anything from trees, flowers or birds to gardeners, sculptures or ponds. Take photographs of things you like.



Get Creative

Use natural fallen items you have collected to create an artistic masterpiece on the woodland floor.





In **winter**, take a stroll along the Winter Walk and in the winter garden for beautiful bursts of colour. Visit the Arboretum and look up at our impressive redwoods. This is the perfect time to view the many sculptures hiding around the garden.



In **autumn**, enjoy the autumnal colours of the garden, especially the 'crimson glory' vine opposite the Bath House, which is 90ft high and has giant leaves. Find our amazing maple trees all over the garden and collect their fallen leaves.



In **summer**, stroll along the Streamside and take a look at our vibrant blue meconopsis and candelabra primulas. Visit the Kitchen Garden and Teaching Garden for an abundance of glorious fruit and vegetables, and perhaps some inspiration for your school garden.



In **spring**, visit the Alpine House to discover fantastic floral colour with over 2,000 plants to look at. Spot our beautiful rhododendrons around the garden, did you know that some of them are more than 6.5 years old! Go and explore the Arboretum and admire our stunning magnolia tree.

Harlow Carr is a wonderful garden to explore all year round.

Where shall we explore today?



In an Emergency or for First Aid

Phone **01423 724681** or contact an RHS member of staff (wearing RHS uniform) who will radio for help.

First aid will only be administered under the authority of a member of school staff.

We hope your visit today has inspired you to develop a garden at your school.



For information about the RHS Campaign for School Gardening, free school membership and a huge variety of resources please visit:

rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening

Please recycle or pass onto a friend.

Please call **01423 724646** to book your next school visit.

We look forward to welcoming your school to RHS Garden Harlow Carr again.

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RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Read the important information and refer to the map inside for ideas of where to explore.

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Explorer's Map for Schools

Important Information

- School staff are **responsible** throughout the visit for the children/students' needs, behaviour and safety.
- Please **supervise** children at all times.
- Please **walk** around the garden keeping to the paths where appropriate. Take special care near water features and be aware of moving vehicles.
- Please **do not pick** anything that is growing but please **do collect** fallen petals, leaves, seeds and sticks if needed for your activities.
- Please treat the trees with care and don't climb or swing on the branches.
- Please respect other visitors and staff, keep noise levels down and leave space on the paths for others to pass.
- Packed lunches can be eaten anywhere in the garden but **please leave the Betty's tables for their own customers.**
- Please ensure that you take all of your litter home.
- Please explore, discover and have lots of fun!