

STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE FAMILY TRAIL

WELCOME TO STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE & GARDEN

THE GARDEN

1.

This seat, shaped like a scallop shell, is a copy of the one Horace Walpole placed in his garden overlooking the Thames. He described it as wide enough to fit three Duchesses sitting side by side. **Why not take a seat and invite your favourite Duke or Duchess to join you...**



2.



In the woods you'll come across our "Once Upon A Time" storytelling grove. It's a fine place to sit, listen and look out for woodland creatures. Horace used to feed the birds and squirrels in this garden where he also kept sheep, cows, fish, chickens and a horse.



3.

Have you seen the magnificent Oak tree which has been growing here since Horace's time at the end of the 18th century? It's the biggest and oldest tree in the garden and provides a feast for squirrels every autumn. **What part of the tree do they love to eat?**



4.



Horace created "serpentine walks" around his garden where he could be surrounded by nature and if you wander along our woodland walk today you'll see many different kinds of habitat. Where do the birds live? Where do the insects live? Where do the humans live? **Who makes their home in this pile of old logs? Clue: the male has jaws that look like a deer's antlers.**

5.

Have you discovered Horace's little hidden garden within a garden yet? Look out for this entrance on the North side of the building - it's a taste of the Gothic architecture you'll find inside the castle.

