

DID YOU KNOW...

The strange circle of brick pillars you will see on the left as you leave the Ha-ha is a feature within the garden of Japanese and Chinese shrubs and plants, this forms part of the Wild Origin Garden.

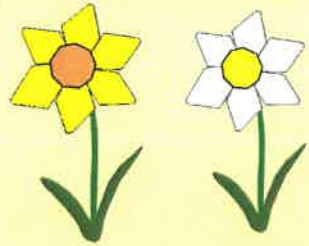


Now turn immediately RIGHT then LEFT, this will bring you to the Bog Garden.

The plants in the Bog Garden are just beginning to grow after the winter. If you carry on walking to your left and then continue round the pond

> Which direction are you walking in? Clockwise or anti-clockwise?

9 .....



DID YOU KNOW...

The original entrance to the Hall was on the South side until Charles, 2nd Earl Grey decided to redesign parts of the house in 1809 and he moved the entrance to the North side where it is today.



Narcissus Mabel Grey

Named after the 5th Earl Grey's wife.



Congratulations, you have finished the Daffodil Explorer Challenge.

Why not drop in to the visitor centre and see what else you may discover for your next visit.

You could also pop into the tea-house and have some refreshments and a well deserved rest?

On your way back to the car, the staff in the kiosk will be able to give you the answers to this challenge.

Finish!



# Daffodil Explorer Challenge

Start!

Leaving the kiosk, find the sign on the wall leading into the garden.



DID YOU KNOW...

As you walk around the garden you will see numbered blue discs on signs and posts. You will see that these post numbers match the numbers on your map and will help you to find your way.



Walk through the entrance and into the garden to begin the Daffodil Explorer Challenge.

> Stop and look at the gate at the Entrance. It is made up of numerous rectangles and you may even see a letter shape in it too. Can you count the rectangles, remember that a "rectangle" is a four-sided shape and this includes oblongs and squares.

Which letter did you find?

1 .....

How many rectangles did you count?

2 .....

Look

Walk towards the Hall until you reach the first junction. If you are facing the Hall you are facing to the South. To your right is West and to your left is East. With your back to the Hall you are facing North. You will find these directions marked on your map for use later.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Hall was originally built in 1782 and was then changed by Charles 2nd Earl Grey to accommodate his 15 children! His children did not go away to school and spent their school years here with their own teachers.

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Now walk in an easterly direction and you will pass the climbing tree before turning right along the grassy pathway. This leads you through the Acer Glade and on until you reach a gateway at post marker 3. Remember to close the gate after you. Continue straight on until you reach past marker 10 on the left. You should turn right here and you will pass an enormous tree on your left.



**DID YOU KNOW...**

This tree was planted by **QUEEN VICTORIA** in 1866 when she spent a night here on her way back to London! There was a typhoid outbreak in Newcastle and she was advised not to stay there.



**PLANTED IN 1866**

> Do you know what kind of tree it is?

**3** .....



As you walk towards the Hall you will notice a point where 4 pathways cross. If you take the left path it will begin to take you downhill.

> Stop a while at this point and listen. What can you hear?

**4** .....

You will catch a glimpse of the Church when you reach the bottom of the hill and it is open if you wish to visit it at this point.

If you follow the path walking towards the West you will discover a set of Steps.



Take a moment to look at the daffodils from here and you may notice another spring flower growing close by.

> Do you know what it is called?

**5** .....

# Daffodil Explorer Challenge

Look closely at the Daffodils and see how many different colour combinations you can spot?.



Now carry on up the steps and turn left to go around the pond and along the grassed area until you reach the end of the wall. Just before you turn right here, you could pop down the hill to the small wooden bridge and play "Pooh-sticks". Remember to only use sticks which are lying on the ground though. Don't pull them from trees and shrubs.

When you reach the gravel path at the top of the incline, turn left and continue to the black gate.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Daffodils are part of the Narcissus family of plants. They are said to be named after Narcissus, a handsome Greek Prince who gazed into a pond and fell in love with his own reflection. He remained there, admiring himself until he died.

Now about 50 meters along this road you will find a grassy pathway leading to the right.

This will lead you through an avenue of small trees with shiny silvery bark.

> Do you know what the trees are called? You can find their names on one of the labels if you look carefully.

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Once you reach and cross the bridge you will be standing on the



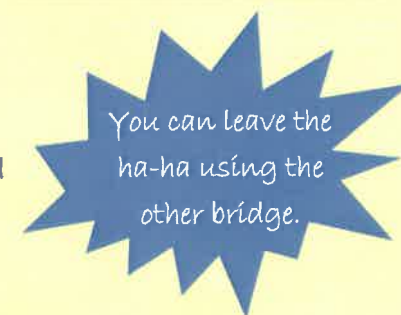
> Do you know what a Ha-Ha is?

**7** .....

The orange coloured trees growing in the ditch are Willows.

> Can you think why the fishermen at Craster used to come and collect Willow branches?

**8** .....



You can leave the ha-ha using the other bridge.