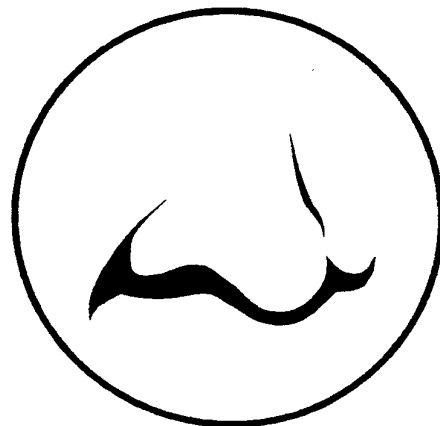
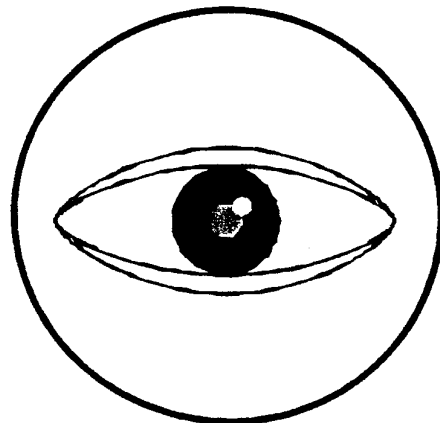
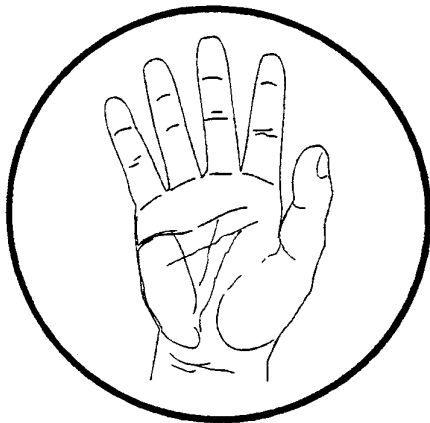


The Birmingham Botanical Gardens



Senses Trail

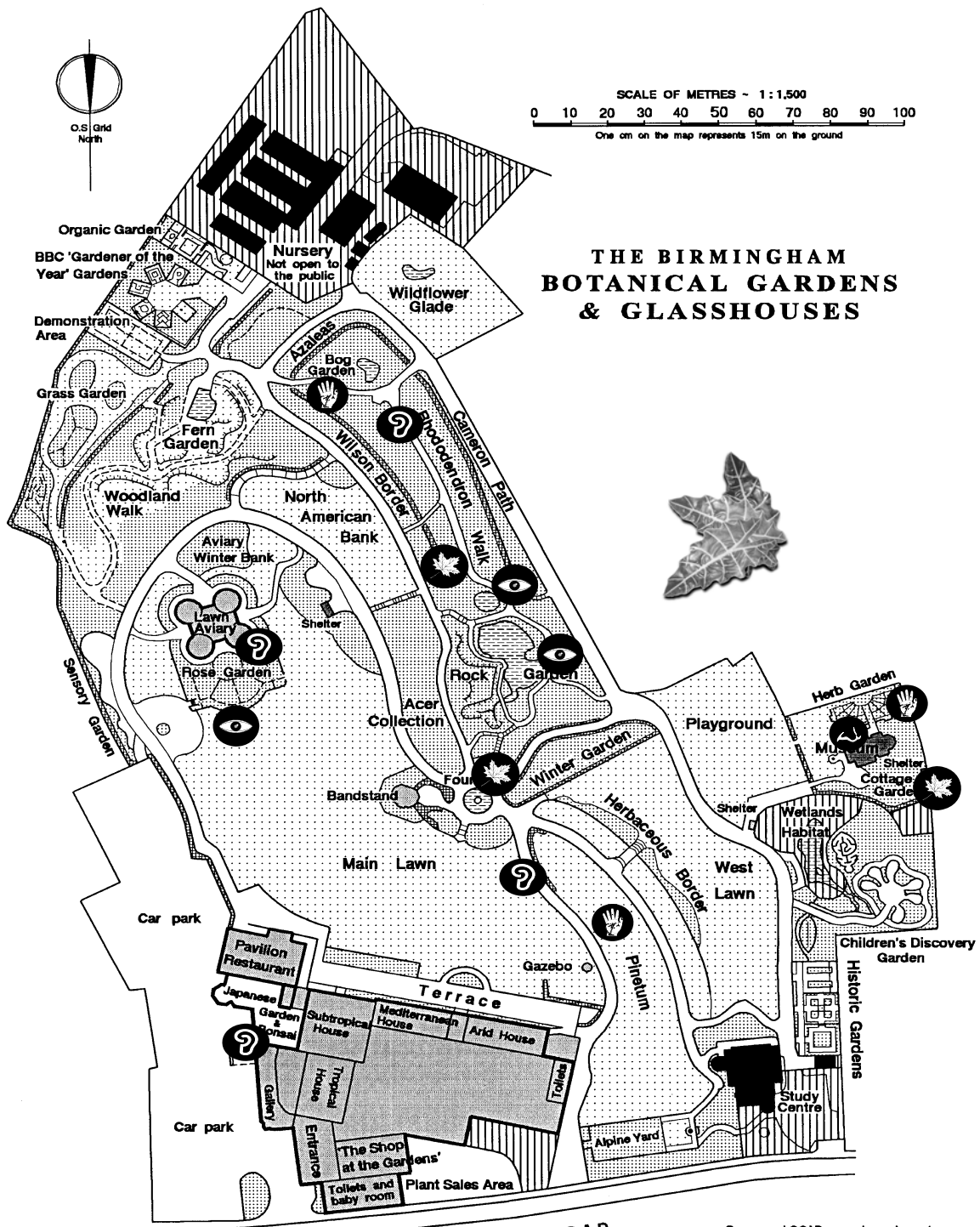


The Birmingham
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SCALE OF METRES - 1:1,500
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One cm on the map represents 15m on the ground

THE BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS & GLASSHOUSES



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- This trail is to encourage children to see, hear, smell and feel things around them.
- Take time to fully develop the use of these senses.
- You will need:

Paper and crayons

for bark rubbings

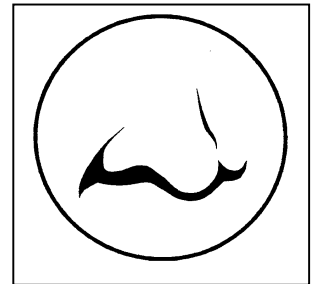
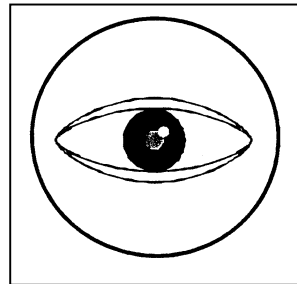
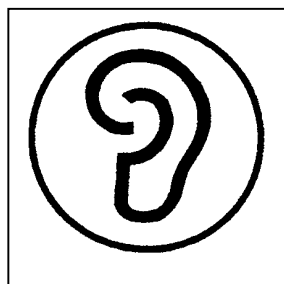
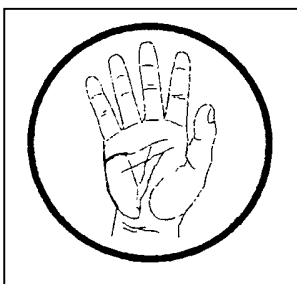
Egg boxes

for collections

Sticky collection cards

for colour collections

- You can do the trail in any order; perhaps the children would like to help you use the map to plan your route.
- Look out for these symbols showing which senses are going to be used.



Looking for Colour

During your walk you are going to make a colour collection using the sticky collecting cards given to you by your teacher. **DO NOT PICK PLANTS** for this, all you need can be found on the floor.

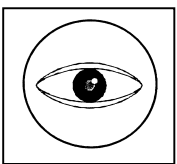
You need to collect small pieces of as many different coloured petals, leaves or other plant material as possible and attach them to the sticky side of the card.

Some good spots for colour collections are suggested on the trail by this symbol:

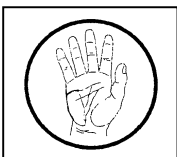


The Pinetum

Begin at Douglas Way with the Pinetum facing you.



Look for the red coloured tree trunk (Californian sierra redwood, sequoia dendron giganteum).



Feel it carefully, what is it like?

Can you find a tree trunk that has a different feel? Describe how it feels.

You could make some bark rubbings of these trees and write some words down to describe the feel of them.

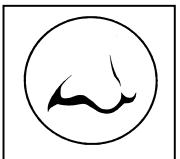
Stand by the Gazebo

What can you hear? (e.g. Cars, birds, children, tractor, water, rustle of leaves)

*From the fountain, follow the map to reach the to the playground. Keeping to the path by the side of the budgerigars, enter the **Herb Garden**.*



This is a good place to gently rub the leaves of some of the herb plants between your fingers and then smell them.



There is no need to pick them.

What smells did you like?

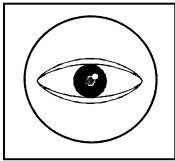
Why did you like them?



Look here for some more of your colour collection.

The Rock and Rhododendron Walk

Back through the playground and turn left up the small gravel path.



How many colours and shapes can you see as you walk along here?



This is a good place for more of your colour collection.

At the end of the path take a sound check:



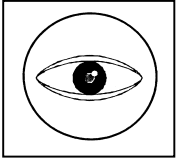
Stand very still with your eyes closed for one minute.

Listen carefully.

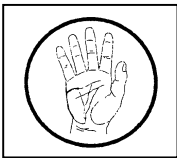
Discuss the number of sounds you can hear.

The Woodland Walk

Here you will use your collecting bags or egg boxes to make collections.



Look carefully to find six different natural objects, then find a word to best describe each one.



e.g. A prickly leaf, a tickly feather.

Follow the path to the Japanese Garden

This garden would be used for quiet contemplation.



How many restful noises can you hear?



We hope you have enjoyed the Senses Trail and that it has made you more aware of everything around you.



touch



colour

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surprises



sound



smell

