



Come and explore the court of Henry VIII

Henry VIII's Apartments

Student Trail Map:



Hampton Court Palace is very big and can be very busy! Remember my top tips as you go around.

1. Work in a small group and always stay with your adult.
2. Try and find a quiet space to look at things.
3. Sit down on a bench or on the floor with your group if you need a break.
4. Look up! You will see more.
5. Do not run inside the palace. Walk carefully up and down steps.
6. Ask a member of palace staff if you need help.
7. Have fun!



Processional Route

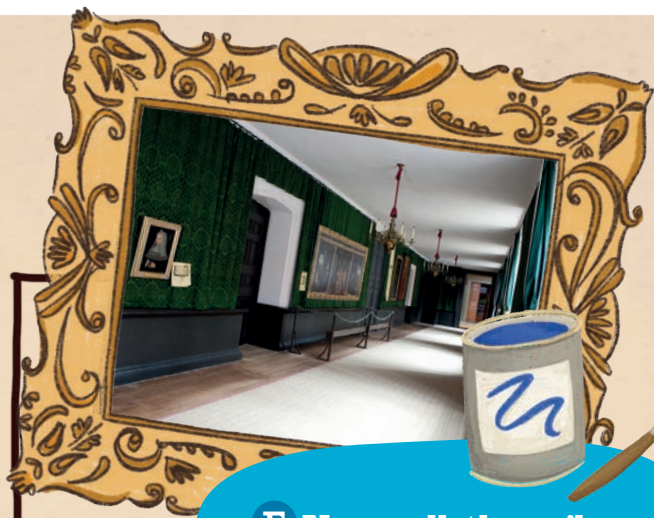


12 Portrait of William Reskimer

Now find the portrait of me William Reskimer. My job is as a Page in the King's Chamber. I serve my master as he waits to see the king.

Now walk along the corridor called the Processional Route.

The king himself walks along here on his way to chapel.



Now walk through the gallery looking at the paintings as you go.

The trail finishes at the end of the Processional Route. Walk through the door and turn right to find the Queen's Staircase. You can walk down these stairs to go out.

Great Watching Chamber

Processional Route

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13 The Pages' Chamber

Turn and look into the small room off the corridor to the right.



The Pages' Chamber

13 Sack

This is where I spend my time when I am not serving my master. I eat and sleep in here.

Can you find the sack I sleep on? I share the room with other pages and we eat at the table.

Can you find something in this room which helps me to keep warm? Would you like to sleep in this room? Why?



Well done! You have completed the trail. Now you have looked around the Tudor Rooms decide if you would like to live at the palace.

Welcome!

My name is William Reskimer.

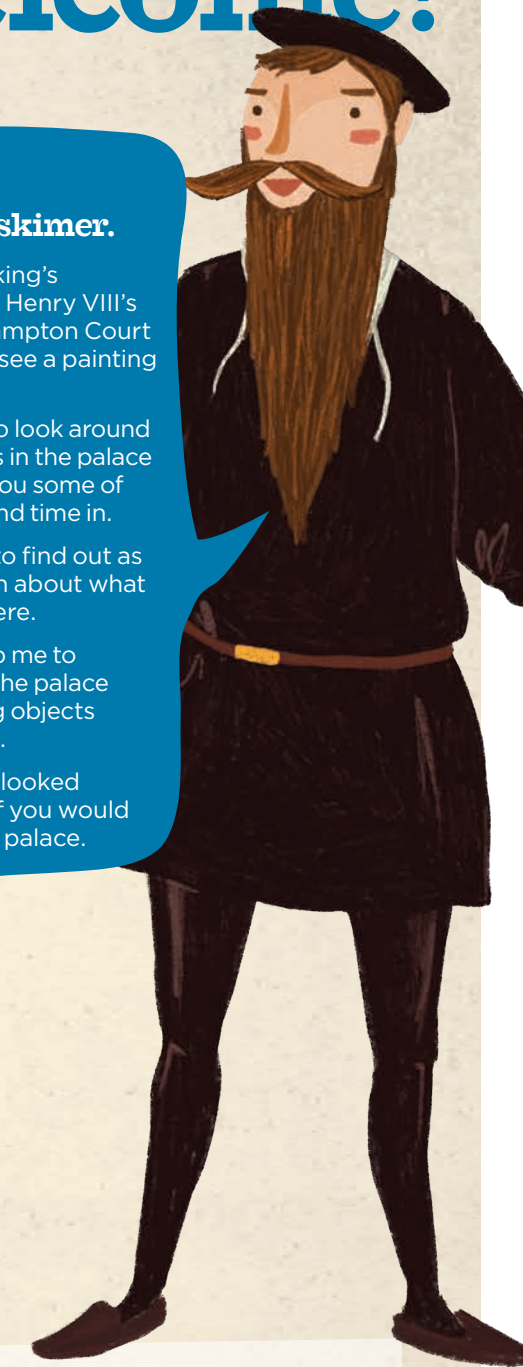
I am one of the king's servants in King Henry VIII's court here at Hampton Court Palace. You will see a painting of me later.

Come with me to look around the Tudor rooms in the palace and I will show you some of the spaces I spend time in.

Follow the trail to find out as much as you can about what it is like to live here.

Please help me to look after the palace by only touching objects with this symbol.

When you have looked around decide if you would like to live in the palace.



To help you explore the rooms there are some different types of activities for you to do as you go around. There are symbols to show you what type of activity it is.

I spy: Look for the key objects in the rooms. There will be a photograph of the object to help you find it in the room.

Challenge: Discuss ideas with your adults and each other and solve problems.

Have a go: Touch, listen and try out things for yourself.

What do you think? Make choices and give your personal response to objects and paintings.

Start here!



The Great Hall

1 Top table

Meals are served in here twice a day for 600 of the king's servants. They eat a lot of meat, bread and fish. I don't eat my meals in here. I will show you where I eat later!

What do you think the different objects might be used for? A popular drink in the palace is wine. Can you find something on the table which might contain wine?

Carefully touch one of the big bowls from the table. How does it feel? Now try sitting down at one of the tables with the wooden benches.

Would you like to eat in this room?



A Find these stone steps under Anne Boleyn's Gateway. When you have found them, walk carefully up and open the wooden door. Turn right into the Great Hall to begin the trail.

The Great Hall was built by King Henry VIII to show how rich he is! Henry loves gold and silver colours as they look expensive!

2 The roof

Find a quiet space and look up at the roof. Henry wanted the roof to be impressive so he asked for it to be painted bright blue!

What shape is the roof? Can you make the shape with your arms? Now make the shape with a partner.



3 The Stone Ceiling

Stand in the big space next to the big window, to the right of Top Table.

Look up at the ceiling there.

What shapes you can you see on the ceiling? Can you make the shapes with your fingers?



Horn Room

7 Painting of Elizabeth I's porter

Working in a palace like this can be very hard work!

Stand in front of the painting of Elizabeth I's porter. He is very tall and strong. His job is to carry things around the palace. This painting shows the actual size of the man.

Stand up very straight and see if you can stand as tall as him!

B Now walk through the door to the right into a room with lots of horns in it.

This room is where the servants bring the food up from the kitchens into the Great Hall and the Great Watching Chamber above.

8 Lion on the staircase

Can you spot the carved lion at the top of the staircase?

Look at the lion's claw. Can you make a claw with your hand?



Great Watching Chamber

C Turn and walk straight ahead into the Great Watching Chamber.

In this room more important servants wait for a long time to speak to the king. The king walks through the large wooden door in the corner when he walks through this room to chapel. I am only allowed in this room to serve my master.

Find one of the large cushions on the floor and sit down.



11 The ceiling

Look down into the large gold mirror with the gold frame. What can you see?

This room was built for the king's third wife Jane Seymour. Her special badge is of a beautiful bird called a phoenix and a castle. Can you find it on the ceiling?



Now turn over to continue the trail...

9 Triumphs of Petrarch tapestries

You have already found lots of lions around the palace. Look at the tapestries in this room. They have different animals and beasts on them. Each tapestry tells a story.

Look for a large animal with a trunk on one of the tapestries. What other animals can you find? Can you make an elephant's trunk with your arm?



10 Tudor Rose

Look at the coloured stained glass window. Can you find the badge of the Tudor Rose? It is red and white in colour. It is the special badge for the king's family called the Tudors.

Can you spot it on the ceiling too? What special badge would you choose as a symbol for your family?

4 Lions

Find the figure of the gold lion across the top of the door leading to the Great Watching Chamber. There are a lot of lions in this palace!

There is a lion on the king's special symbol called his Coat of Arms. Henry likes lions as they are a symbol of strength.

Why do you think Henry likes to have lots of lions in his palace?

How many lions can you spot around this room? Walk slowly around the room and count them as you go.

5 Eavesdroppers

Look up and find the carved wooden faces in the roof. They are called Eavesdroppers. They are there to remind the servants not to say anything bad about the king as people might be listening!

How many Eavesdroppers can you find?



6 Your Choice

Can you find your favourite object in this room? Why do you like it best?