



Map of Chelsea Physic Garden



Scale 1:250



WARNING!

Many plants here are poisonous and can kill!
Please don't eat any of the plants or touch them
and then put your fingers in your mouth! It
might be the last thing you do! If you need to,
wash your hands before leaving.

PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR ADULT



5. MANDRAKE: There is a lot of superstition around the mandrake. People used to think that it screamed if you pulled it up and you'd die if you heard this. To stay safe they would tie a dog to the mandrake and then go and hide at a safe distance. The dog would then pull it up for them. You may have heard of mandrakes from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.



6. STATUE OF SIR HANS SLOANE: Thank this man because he was the first to bring the idea of milk chocolate to Britain and he kept this garden going for about 300 years by making sure we only pay £5 rent per year for ever.



Cocoa



7. WOODLAND WALK: Stroll through the woods and look at all the different leaf shapes and listen out for birds.



8. THE POND: The pond is always full of wildlife, like Water Boatmen, Damselflies, Newts, Tadpoles, Leeches and Water Snails. Kneel down, take a look and try to spot some. Please don't fall in though!



Daphnia



Newt

9. BEE HIVES: The honey bees have to make a million journeys to make just one jar of honey. Watch them but don't get too close!



10. MONKEY PUZZLE TREE: Guaranteed to leave any monkey puzzled! This tree is from Chile, and is surrounded by other South American plants.



11. SHELF LIFE: The clothes you're wearing and most of the food you eat come from plants. Take a look at plants in corresponding packaging and do try this at home!



**CROPLIFTERS
WILL BE
PROPAGATED**



12. COOL FERNERY: The ferns in this greenhouse are the type herbivorous dinosaurs ate. They are some of the oldest living species of plants in the world and don't produce flowers.



Points of Interest for Children

1. CARNIVOROUS PLANTS:

Question – What do plants eat? The answer is that they make their own food, using sunlight, water, carbon dioxide and minerals from the soil. Carnivorous plants do this as well as trapping insects and then drinking fly, moth and wasp juice. Some of the bigger ones have even been known to snack on baby rats!



2. TROPICAL CORRIDOR:

Imagine you're in the rainforest. You'll find coffee, blackpepper, ginger, vanilla and the strange "Spanish Moss" which grows hanging from the ceiling and looks like long grey hair, sucking all the water it needs from the air.



3. HERBS: Here you'll see some names you may recognise from your kitchen, such as Basil, Thyme, Rosemary and Mint. Rub your fingers on their leaves and have a smell.



4. VEGETABLE BED: Many common vegetables are grown here. There are beans, tomatoes (actually a fruit), asparagus, carrots, rocket, onions and squashes. Can you see them? (If not, they might have already been harvested.)

