

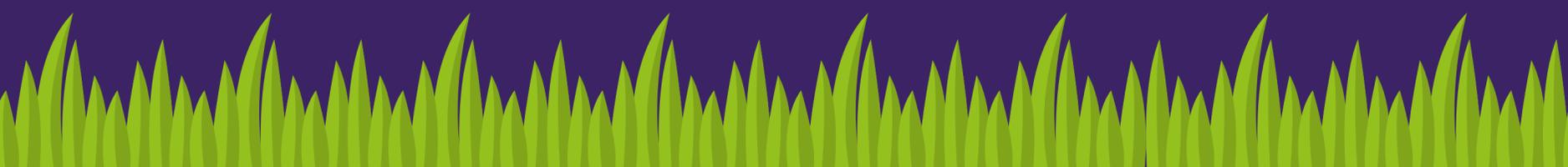
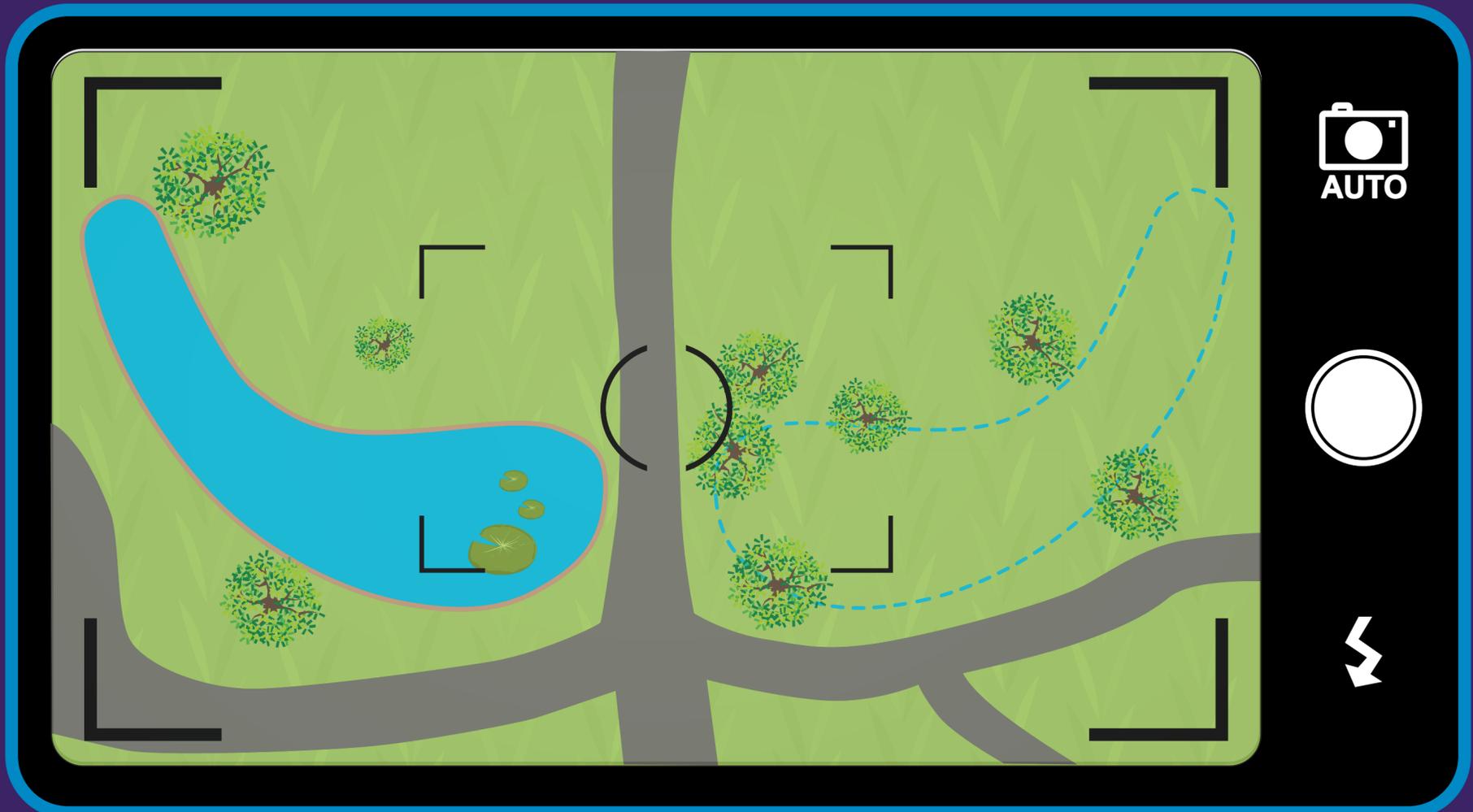


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# Activity Trail

## HORSESHOE POND





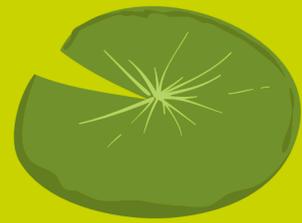
**This activity is designed for the area within the dotted oval, but will work in any other green space too.**

# Welcome to the Horseshoe Pond

You might be wondering why this pond is named after a horseshoe...

What we see today is only half of the original pond. When it was first created more than 200 years ago, it was symmetrical and in the shape of a complete horseshoe.

Can you pace out the outline of the missing half of the pond to make it symmetrical again?



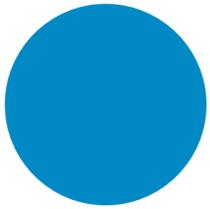
**DID YOU KNOW?**  
HAVE A LOOK ON THE SURFACE  
OF THE POND. CAN YOU SEE ANY  
WATER LILIES?

THEY CAME FROM THE VERY SAME  
NURSERY AS THOSE FAMOUSLY  
PAINTED BY CLAUDE MONET.

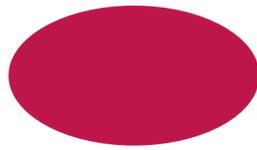
# All shapes and sizes

All kinds of other shapes can be found around the Horseshoe Pond too! Whether in nature or things that humans have made, like buildings or benches, everything has a shape.

Do you recognise any of these shapes?



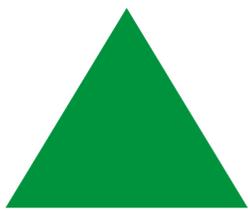
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Oval



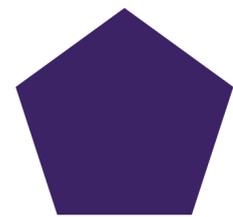
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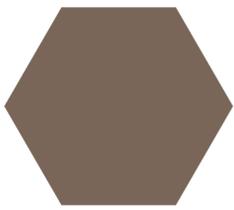
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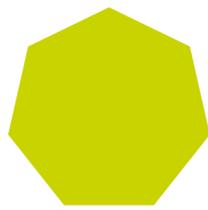
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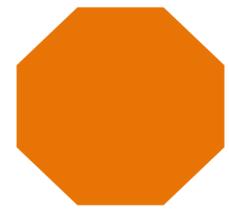
Pentagon



Hexagon



Heptagon



Octagon

## Five minute challenge



Looking around the Horseshoe Pond, how many different shapes can you find?

You could try looking at plants, trees and even buildings like the Orangery.

In your notebook, make a list of the different shapes you discover.

*YOU COULD TRY DRAWING SOME TOO!*

# Say cheese!

Photographers often look for interesting shapes to include in their photographs of nature and buildings. Why not have a try yourself?



## Photography challenge

Take some artistic photographs in Gunnersbury Park.

What might help make an interesting photograph?

Shapes



Patterns



Colours



A main focus

(so we know what to look at)



Different perspectives

(like high above or down low)



Don't be afraid to experiment!  
You never know what will  
make for a great photograph.

Back at home, we'll find out more  
about photography and you can put  
your best shots in a frame.

# Where next?



## BACK AT HOME

Test your shape and symmetry skills in our quiz, discover different types of photography, and put your own picture in a frame.

Go to [visitgunnersbury.org/back-at-home](https://visitgunnersbury.org/back-at-home)



## MORE ACTIVITIES!

There are plenty more activities to try while you're still in the park, from making your own music to choreographing a dance.

Go to [visitgunnersbury.org/activity-trail](https://visitgunnersbury.org/activity-trail) and follow the map.



## WANT TO EXPLORE MORE?

There are other family trails to help explore the amazing history of Gunnersbury Park, including the Lost Tennis Court and Princess Amelia's Bath House.

Go to [visitgunnersbury.org](https://visitgunnersbury.org) to download them.