

Alice in Wonderland Trail

1. Start in the Top Gallery

'The Queen had only one way of settling all difficulties, great or small.
'Off with his head!' she said, without even looking round'.

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Find this golden astrolabe belonging to a queen



There are lots of similar looking objects in this gallery but this circular map of the night sky belonged to **Queen Elizabeth 1st**.

Many people think the fierce Queen in the story was based on Elizabeth 1st. Others think it was based on Victoria, who was Queen 300 years later, when Lewis Carroll wrote Alice in Wonderland.

Who do you think the Queen of Hearts looks like?



Queen Victoria



Queen Elizabeth 1

2. Go down one floor to the Entrance Gallery

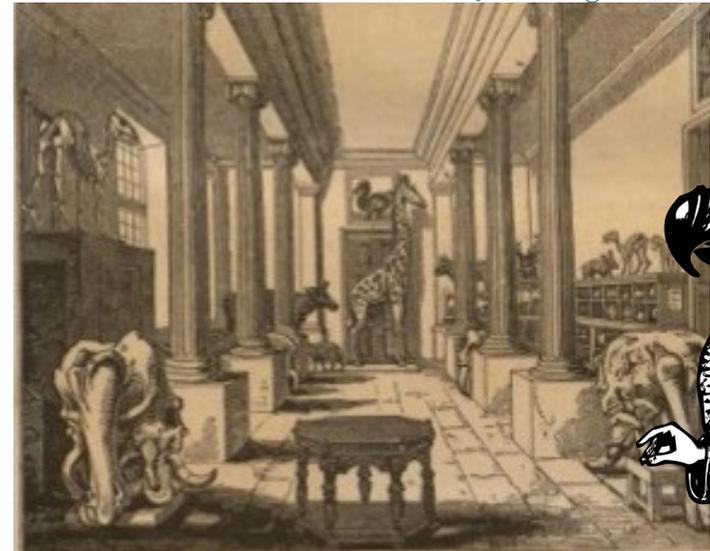
'There were a Duck and a Dodo, a Lory and an Eaglet, and several other curious creatures. Alice led the way, and the whole party swam to the shore.'

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There used to be a Dodo (a type of bird which no longer exists) on display in the museum when it first opened.

A painting of one was hung in this room.

Draw a circle around Dodo painting here



Look around the room you are in.
Can you work out where the painting would have hung?

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3. Go down to the bottom of the stairs, into the room on your right

What a curious feeling!' said Alice; 'I must be shutting up like a telescope.'
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Find a telescope



It made up of tubes that fit inside each other, so you can make it smaller or bigger. The telescopes here are closed up at the moment, but if you pull them out, they can become as long as 365cm (which is longer than two average sized 11 year olds lying head to foot).

This drawing shows Alice looking like a stretched out telescope - draw a picture of yourself stretched out like Alice here



4. Go into the larger Basement gallery (next door)

Find this box of equipment for taking photos belonging to Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland



Lewis Carroll loved taking photos. This was much more complicated to do in Victorian times. This box is where he kept the chemicals he needed. Lewis Carroll wasn't his real name though. Look at the label to find out the name he used in daily life.

Walk around and look at the lid of the box. Write down the 3 letters here of Lewis Carroll's real name (they're upside down!)



Lewis Carroll took this photo of the little girl who the story of Alice was based on, Alice Liddell. What's the biggest difference between Alice as she appears in the photo and as she's shown in the drawing?