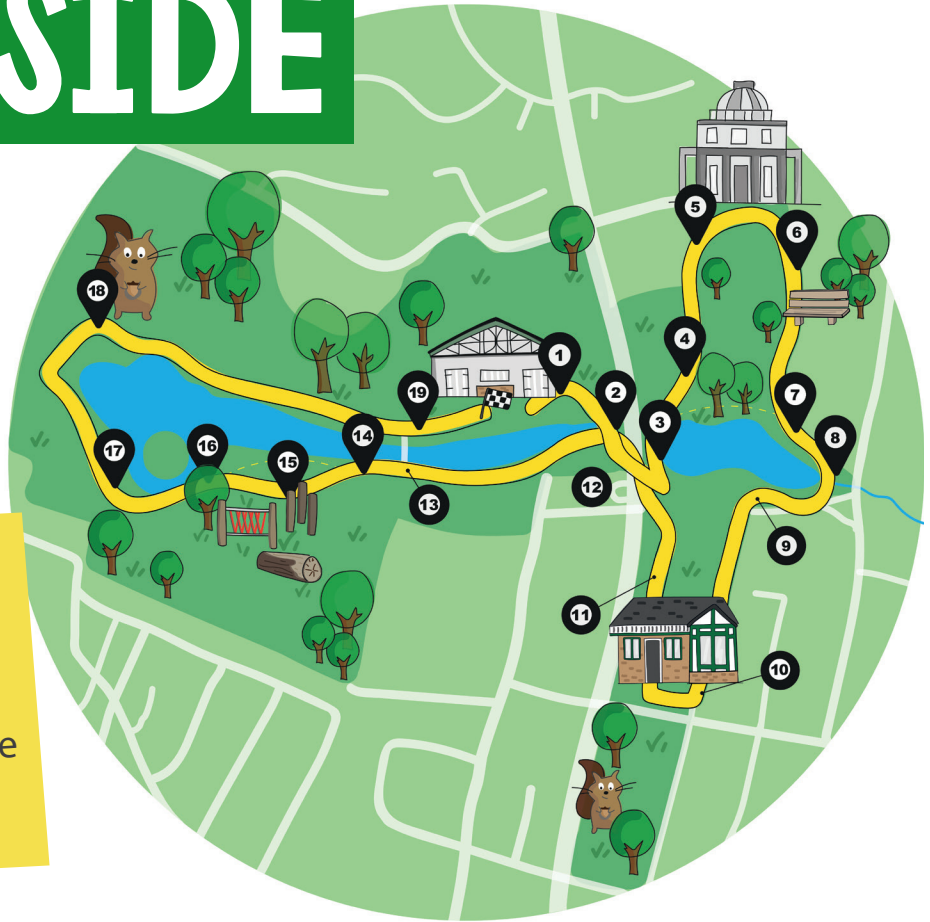




OUTSIDE

Welcome to the GO
Outside Pittville Park Trail!

Follow the directions and
answer questions along the
way.



Directions

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With the Boat House behind you, facing the tennis courts, turn right and walk along the path around the lake.

2

Go over the small bridge and turn left into the tunnel to go under the road.

3

You are now in the original East side of Pittville Park. Turn left and go over the bridge

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Follow the path up and to the left, around the playground heading towards the Pump Room at the top of the hill.

Facts and Puzzles

Puzzle 1: What date was the Boat House built?
Hint- can you find an information board on this path?

The tunnel was previously much bigger but had to be reinforced as the road got busier- you can still see the outline of the old entrance from this side

Puzzle 2: What do you think the surname of the man who established the Park was called?
Hint- he named the park after himself.

If you want a shorter walk cross the bridge and follow the path to the right, around the lake and go to point 7.

Originally the whole of the park was surrounded by railings and gates similar to what you have just walked through. It was only used by those who owned the houses surrounding the park- their servants could only come here with permission!

Puzzle 3: What do you think was 'pumped' here?

There has been a playground of some sort here since the 1890's. The animals were introduced in 1936 and were relocated during the refurbishment in 2016.

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Keeping the Playground on your left, head up to the Pump Room- when you get there turn and look down the lawn to the lake. This is very similar to the view people would have had nearly 200 years ago!

Puzzle 4: The Pump Room is now used for lots of events and often weddings. What other uses do you think its had?

- A) School
- B) Hospital
- C) Army Base



With the Pump Room on your left, follow the path around and back down towards the lake.

Puzzle 5: Can you see a large house on your left?



Continue down the path and turn left to go around the lake and over a second bridge.

Fact: This is where the original dams were built to create the lake. This initially was mostly used for fishing.



Keep following the path around to the right - you will see the old boundary fence again on your left.



You are now in 'The Long Garden'. This area would have originally been completely fenced off from the public. It was designed to be used by the owners of the houses you see around you. Walk straight on, keeping the road to your left.



You will see a small building to your right- this is the Central Cross Café and dates back to 1903.

Puzzle 6: There also used to be another building near this spot what do you think it was?

- A) Spa
- B) Dance Hall
- C) Toll booth

If you need a snack stop here to get an ice cream or a drink!



Walk back up the centre of the park towards the lake. Go back through the tunnel underneath the road.

Fact: This footpath has been here since the estate was developed.



Take the path to the left and walk around the south side of the lake.

Fact: This side of the park was not originally park of the Pittville Estate- it was brought together in 1894.



On your right you will see one of the many bridges which cross over the Pittville Lakes. This is a new bridge, designed with the help of local school children in 2012.

Puzzle 7: How many bridges are there across both lakes in the park?

Hint- you have already crossed most of them.

If you want a shorter walk cross the bridge here and go to point 19.



Continue walking around this edge of the lake. On your left you will see a large field known as the Agg- Gardner Recreation ground.

Puzzle 8: Which sports team played here in the 1880's?

Hint: their current ground is not far away.



Take the left fork and continue on the path.

At the side of the path are some obstacles for you to cross - who can cross the quickest?

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The paths re-join and bends right, around the edge of the lake. On the far side of the lake you will see a weir, and lots of large stones.

Puzzle 8: What do you think this used to be?
Hint: This 4 letter building is where wheat is turned to flour.

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Cross the brook and loop back around to the right, following the path alongside the lake.

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Continue along the north side of the lake with the golf course on your left.

Fact: This land used to belong to Robert Capper who owned the Marle Hill estate.

Before it was demolished in the 1960's Marle Hill House stood on the top of the hill you can see on your left.

Puzzle 9: Other than gardens, what 7 letter word do you think was left on the land here?
Hint: it was probably very smelly!

You will see many tree trunks and large branches which have been left along this edge of the lake.

Puzzle 11: Which 3 letter animals' home do you think is?
Hint: They have many legs.

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Continue along the path until you reach the Boat House- it's probably time for an ice cream or a hot drink after all that hard work! Well done!

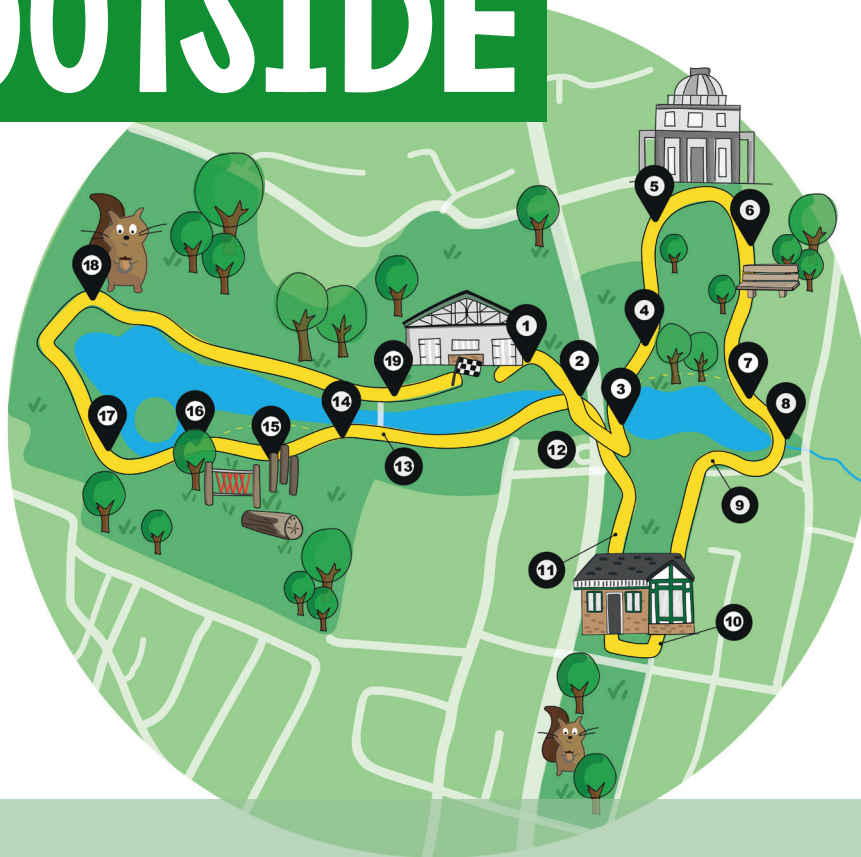
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Answers

Puzzle 1: 1894

Puzzle 2: Pitt- James Pitt

Puzzle 3: Water- This was a site where Cheltenham's Spa waters were pumped to the surface to allow visitors to drink them- they were said to cure obesity, gout and many other ailments.

Puzzle 4: C! During WW2 American soldiers were stationed here

Puzzle 5: Yes

This is Ellerslie- Rowena Cade lived here before she built the Minack Theatre in Land's end (mostly by hand!

Puzzle 6: A- Essex Lodge was built in the 1820's and stood on the corner of Pittville Lawn and Central Cross drive- can you find the tap which was moved from the pump room to the café?

Puzzle 7: 6

Puzzle 8: Cheltenham Town Football Club

Puzzle 9: Mill- Maps show a corn or flour mill being situated here. But it was disused from 1879 onwards.

Puzzle 10: Rubbish! It was a rubbish tip- it was declared full in 1969 and grassed over.

Puzzle 11: Bug- To provide a home for creepy crawlies! This is essential for the wildlife within the park