

Top tips for families

Chat with your child about what you see on the trail. Ask open-ended questions so that the answer is not just a yes or a no.

Introduce new words into the conversation

When you use a new word, explain what it means. If your child is interested, encourage them to do some research about the word when they get home.

Talk about the day on your way home

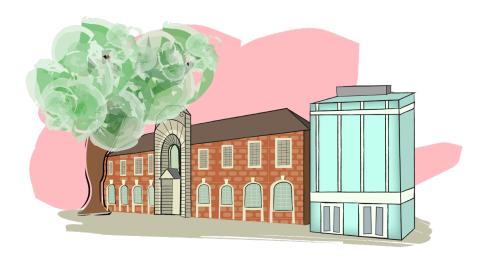
Ask your child which part of the trail they enjoyed the most and what their favourite new word is.



Scan the QR code for more detailed directions.

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Walsall Library

Start your journey at the Lichfield Street Hub. Before you head off, why don't you ask one of the library staff about the Summer Reading Challenge? They will help you sign-up and get started!

When you're ready, head outside and turn right. Outside the library you will find the answer to your first question!

> 1. Outside the library there is a bronze sculpture depicting a historical figure from Walsall. Can you read the name on the plaque below it?

If you think you've found the answer, move on to The New Art Gallery!



New Art Gallery, Walsall

You're now standing in Gallery Square. The New Art Gallery has more than 1,500 artworks inside, and it's completely free for you to visit! Take a look inside, or have a peek in the window to find out what exciting things are going on. You can also collect a leaflet from reception to find out more about their exhibitions, workshops and events!

> 2. Think about something interesting you saw on your visit! It could be something you noticed about the amazing building from the outside, or maybe you found a picture inside that you really liked.

Are you enjoying the journey so far? Great! Now head over to the Walsall Leather Museum!



Walsall Leather Museum

Take a good look at the building where the museum is housed. This was a working factory in Victorian times. Can you tell? This museum is also free for you to visit, so head inside to find out more about the history of Walsall. But before you do, it's time for your third question!

3. Look up at the roof of the museum. How many big red chimneys can you spot from where you're standing?

Did you have fun in the museum? There's not long to go now...! You still have one more stop before heading back to the library. It's time to move on to the Walsall Arboretum!



Walsall Arboretum

You made it! Did you know, Walsall Arboretum is home to more than 10,000 species of plants? That makes it the perfect place to explore the outdoors and have lots of fun. Walk through one of the arches under the clocktower and start exploring! Are you ready for your final task?

> 4. As you enter the Arboretum, you will see a map. Use the map to learn the name of one of the lakes in the park.

Now it's time to head back to the library, where you can hand in your answers and be in with a chance of winning a prize! Don't forget to sign-up to the Summer Reading Challenge 2021! Finished the trail? Hand in your answers at the Lichfield Street Hub Library!

I have signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!



Name:

Parent/carer's name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Age of child(ren):

Competition closes on 10th September and winners will be drawn at random by 17th September.

