Duff House
Explorer Quiz

Explore the architecture and design around the house with this fun fact-finding mission. Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.

1. The architect, William Adam, placed stone urns at the top of the house. How many are there?

2. The house was bombed by German planes in 1940. Where can you see this bomb damage?

3. Lead statues of which two Roman gods are displayed at the foot of the Great Staircase?

4. The rooms are arranged in a very symmetrical way. How many rooms can you see into from the Vestibule?

5. This bird, called a 'hoho', is typical of 18th-century decoration called rococo. Where can you find it?

6. Find this head and shoulders statue (called a bust). Who is it?
7. This pattern is based on a decoration found on Greek vases. Where can you find it?

8. This stand is carved from a hard red stone called porphyry. What animal’s leg is it modelled on?

9. This 1760s fireplace is one of the oldest in the house, in one of its finest bedrooms. Which one?

10. This ceiling decoration is made from papier mâché – easier to mould than plaster. Where is it?

11. This colourful frog is part of a collection from eastern Asia. Where in the house can you see it?

12. This sign instructed Polish soldiers not to smoke. Can you see how the sign was produced?

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2. On the ground floor, to the right (east) of the main entrance. Mars and Minerva.
3. The Grand Tour Closet.
4. The Private Drawing Room, this man designed and built Duff House.
5. Countess Agnes’ Boudoir.
6. The Marble Drawing Room, this man designed and built Duff House.
7. The North Drawing Room.
8. The Oriental Closet.
10. It was painted using a stencil.
11. Need a clue? Look here...