

ADOPT A BENCH



IN THE QUEEN'S GROVE

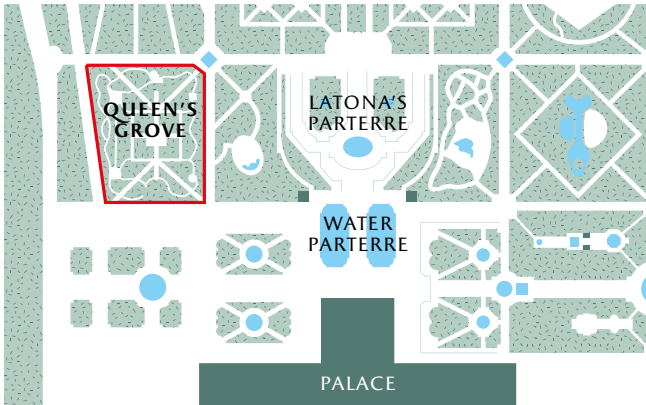


CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

THE QUEEN'S GROVE REVEALED



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A Garden reserved for Queen Marie Antoinette

Created in 1776 on the site of the Labyrinth, this ornamental garden extending the lawn of the Orangerie was crafted specifically for Queen Marie Antoinette so that she had a private place to stroll away from her many visitors.

Significantly run-down over the course of the 19th and 20th centuries, the Queen's Grove was completely restored according to the late-18th-century tastes for landscaped gardens. Today, it invites visitors to stroll through and discover its green corridors, following winding alleys shimmering with light and shadow.

In order to offer visitors the comfort enjoyed by courtiers in the 18th century, 24 benches will be installed, fostering immersion among a wide array of flowering and ornamental plants.

Ten stone benches will complete the central square comprised of Virginian tulip poplars and the Cherry Tree Bower. These verdant bowers will be accented by eleven straight wooden benches and three curved ones, painted in green tones with linseed oil and assembled according to traditional woodworking techniques. These benches will be created after 18th-century models at a time when furniture makers held a crucial role in the design of gardens recovered thanks to contemporary paintings and the designs of woodworker and cabinetmaker André Jacob Roubo.

Composed of a large palette of rare and precious plants, this “acclimatization garden” includes plants native to Europe, Asia, and even America. Bordered by 600 rose bushes of varying hues, the central square was replanted with nearly 150 Virginia tulip poplars, a North American native much appreciated by Queen Marie Antoinette.

Four walking paths offer a dappled and blossoming walk, while the forested borders are punctuated by small, twisting alleys where the trees and shrubs are bursting with diverse flowers and foliage. These alleys lead to verdant havens dedicated to rare varieties and species, such as catalpas, Japanese cherry- blossoms, Judas trees and Virginia sumacs.

The installation of the new benches allows visitors to immerse themselves in the unique ambiance of each of these green spaces.



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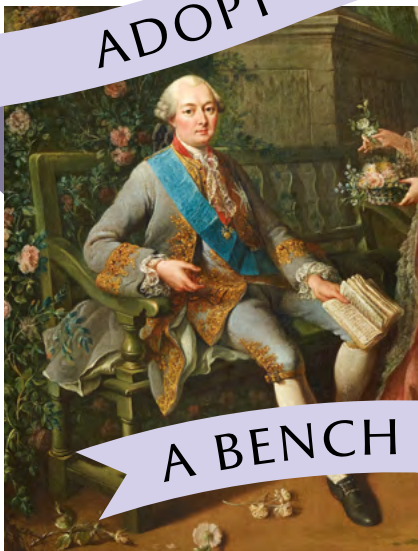
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BLOSSOMS OF THE QUEEN'S

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ADOPT



A BENCH

- To commemorate an important event
- To celebrate a birth
- In the memory of a loved one
- To manifest your commitment to this site of art and global heritage
- To strengthen Versailles's reach

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HOW DO I ADOPT A BENCH?

Select your bench on the map and contact the Patronage Department.

We are here to help:

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TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL

Naming

The name of the patron or the person to whom the adoption is dedicated will feature on the plaque affixed to the bench.

Photography rights

The patron has the right to use photographs of the "adopted" bench in the Versailles Garden to create greeting cards.

Membership card

The "A Year at Versailles" Membership Card allows unlimited access to the Palace for a year and is offered to individuals participating in the campaign.

IF YOU ARE A BUSINESS

Naming

The name of the business features on the plaque affixed to the bench.

Photography rights

The patron has the right to use photographs of the "adopted" bench in the Versailles Garden to create greeting cards, and for the business to send institutional communications (e.g. activity reports).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Adopting a stone bench costs up to €6,000, while straight wooden benches cost up to €8,000 and curved wooden benches €10,000. Whether you're an individual or a business, you will benefit from a 66% or 60% tax reduction, respectively, from the total of your patronage.



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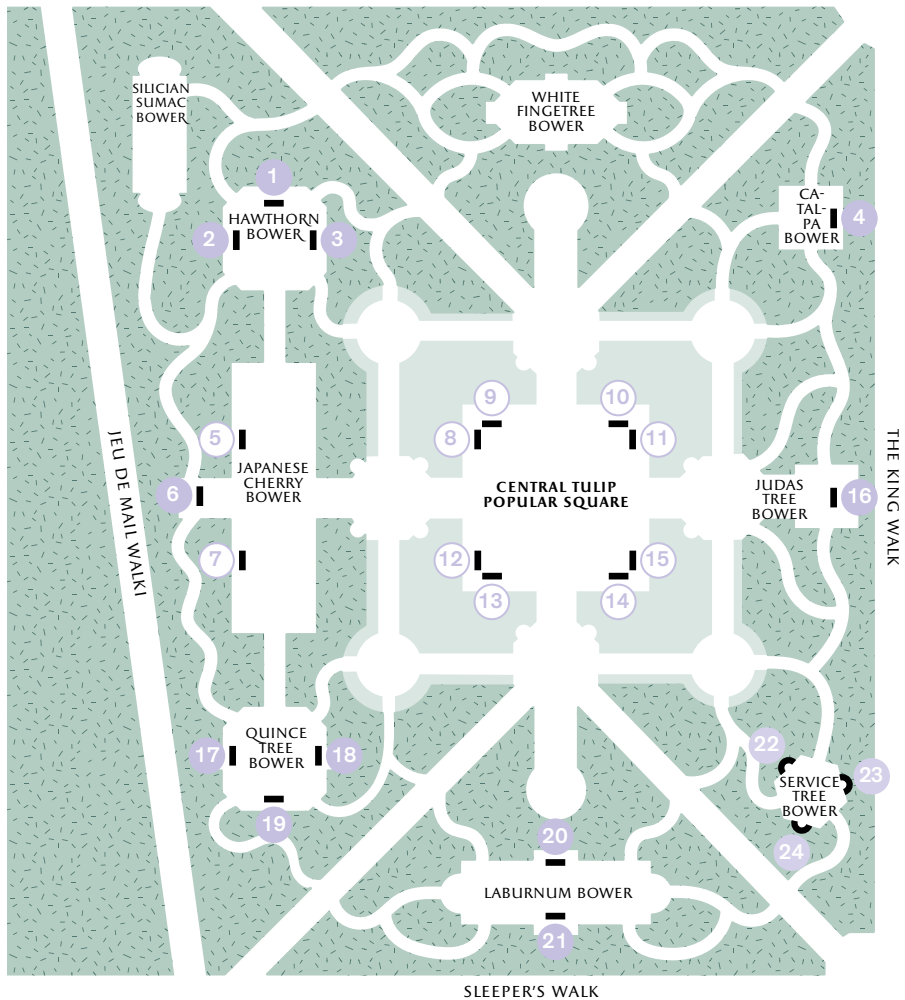
Priority admission tickets

The patron business enjoys priority tickets to visit the Palace and Estate of Versailles during public opening hours.

Space rental

The patron business can access free spaces in the Palace to hold public relation meetings (after-hours private visits, cocktail parties, dinners). The value of counterpart privilege is up to 25% of the amount of the patronage.

Whether you're an individual or a business, by adopting a bench, you will receive all our patron newsletters and our Carnets de Versailles magazine.



“To adopt a bench is to give in to the heart’s desire, to tell a different story of Versailles. This story comes to us through the letters you send us. Moving or delicate, cheeky or earnest, they weave unexpected bonds with Versailles. Recently, two friends ‘adopted’ two benches side-by-side. There, they said, they will meet and discuss memories of their youth.”




Catherine Pégard

President, Public Establishment of the Palace, Museum and National Estate of Versailles.



Bench made possible thanks to your patronage / sponsorship

A plaque with your name or the name of the person of your choice will be affixed on every adopted bench.

-  — Straight wooden bench
-  — Curved wooden bench
-  — Stone bench