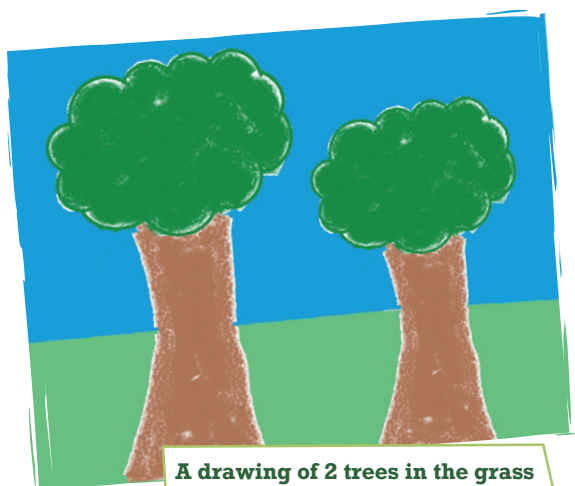


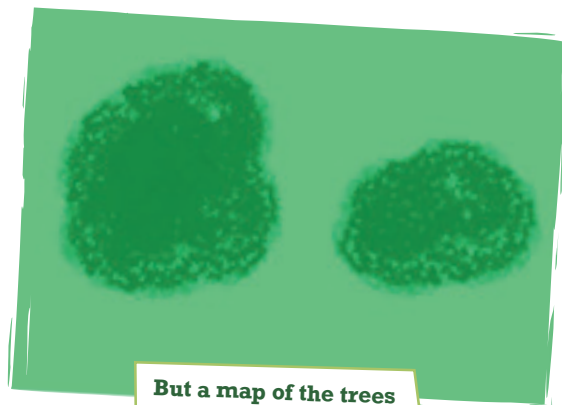
A map is a bird's eye view of the ground. It is a picture looking down from above. Drawing a map of your garden can be a fun thing to do and once you have your map, you can use it for lots of things.

Aerial View

Before you start mapping your garden, try a few simple mapping exercises. Try drawing something from above or even take a photograph from above and draw from the photograph.



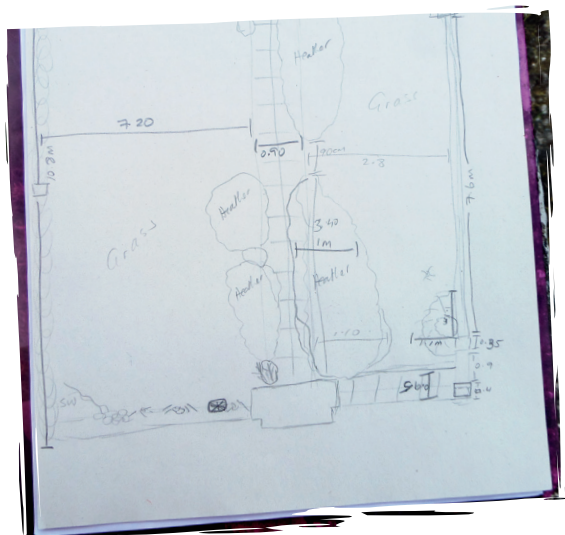
A drawing of 2 trees in the grass might look like this



But a map of the trees would look like this

Sketch It

It is a good idea to draw your map as a rough sketch first marking on the main features and measurements.



Colours and Symbols

For different types of ground, you can use different colours on your map. You probably won't be able to draw the exact outline or every object in your garden so maps often use symbols like these ones.






Your map will also need a legend to explain what the colours and symbols mean.



Evergreen Tree



Deciduous Tree

Legend			
	Path		Grass
	Wall		Evergreen Tree
			Deciduous Tree

Scale

You can't draw your map actual size, so maps use scale. If your house is 10 times the size of your shed, then the house on your map will be 10 times the size of your shed. You can scale your map by estimating or measuring the size of objects. Drawing a grid onto the paper may make it easier to draw your map to scale.

Use Your Map

Once you have drawn your map, you can copy it and use it for lots of different purposes.

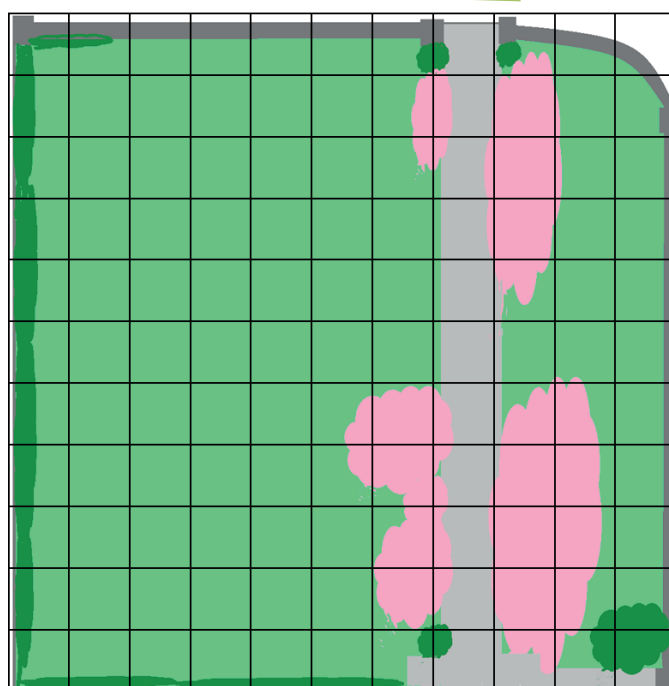
Here are some ideas:

- Make a treasure hunt for your family
- Make a Biodiversity map and include any plants and animals you have found in your garden (See Michèle Castiaux's tutorial on How To Make a Biodiversity Map of Your Garden on heritageinschools.ie/online-tutorials)
- Use it to make plans for planting in your garden

Picture of Front Garden



Front Garden Map



Legend

	Path
	Wall



Grass

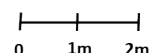


Tree / Shrub



Heather

Scale



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