



Peregrine Hunters' Trail



Trail Answers
 1. Ironwork Martlets (used on the Coat of Arms of the Waddington family who were benefactors of the Cathedral) are small, fictional birds. They have no feet so they wouldn't be able to run away from a predator and they certainly couldn't outfly a peregrine! 2. Doves 3. Birds, Fish 4. Snake, Birds 5. Hare 6. Fish 7. Fish, Rabbits 8. Rabbit 9. Pelican (peregrines have been known to attack them, especially if they think their nests are at risk), Peacock (although not the traditional prey of a peregrine, they could definitely take one down given that they are able to hunt and Kill Cranes) 10. Raven 11. Wren 12. 2 Birds in the coat of arms in the first window by the south door entrance.

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A fun new trail for all the family to enjoy.

Explore the Cathedral to find potential prey for our resident Peregrine Falcons!

Peregrine Falcons

Peregrine falcons are fearsome predators. They have an amazing ability to catch their prey in mid-flight thanks to the magnificent, swift dive known as a stoop. As the bird spots its prey, it tends to drop down from high above the tree where it usually perches and pursues the prey at stunning speeds of up to 200 mph, making it the fastest animal on earth!

But who is on the receiving end of this stoop? Peregrine Falcons mainly prey on smaller birds, small mammals and sometimes even fish and snakes. However, they have been used to hunt pheasant, geese, ducks, crane and even hare so they can have quite a varied diet.

Today, you are going to find dinner for the peregrines as you explore the Cathedral. This trail will show you where to look for potential prey, but you need to decide which ones to swoop down on and which ones to leave alone!



Peregrine Wordsearch

Can you find the following words in our Peregrine themed wordsearch?

J	F	L	E	D	G	L	I	N	G	L	Y	H
U	H	E	Z	P	L	T	E	W	E	E	X	K
G	E	N	I	N	O	C	L	A	F	Y	Z	T
L	I	I	W	T	P	R	E	Y	S	R	T	C
F	R	R	S	R	O	T	P	A	R	I	F	W
S	E	G	Z	V	J	E	S	A	Z	E	R	Q
T	W	E	A	A	O	K	X	Q	T	O	M	Q
O	O	R	T	G	C	H	U	N	T	I	N	G
O	T	E	D	I	I	T	O	A	I	X	U	T
P	T	P	H	A	A	L	D	X	Q	E	H	E
S	S	C	P	E	E	E	I	Z	L	I	P	U
S	E	V	W	S	R	E	H	T	A	E	F	T
H	W	L	Q	P	R	X	A	U	Y	M	O	A

- West Tower
- Eyrie
- Hunting
- Falcon
- Chicks
- Peregrine
- Agility
- Prey
- Stoop
- Feathers
- Fledgling
- Predator
- Raptor

Colour a Peregrine



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6. Window opposite Bishop Northwold's Tomb

This window shows some famous parables. But which of the animals shown are prey for you?

Answer:

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7. Bishop Alcock's Chapel

Sometimes a peregrine might not just hunt for wild prey, sometimes they might look for something a little easier to catch! Which creatures in this Chapel will you hunt?

Answer:

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5. The Lady Chapel

Peregrines, as you now know, are fantastic hunters and were used for centuries for hunting by Royalty. Find the double seat to the right of the Altar and sit on the right hand side, look to your right to find a secret hunting scene. Which of these animals would you hunt?

Answer:

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8. Tiles at the top of the Choir

Coats of Arms have been used for centuries to identify famous families and they often use animals as symbols. Some of the symbols on these Coats of Arms would be a very poor choice of prey for a peregrine, but there is one animal that would be an excellent meal!

Answer:

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9. Choir*

You might find some rare quarry as you look at the carvings on the misericords. Which animals would be the best prey and which should you leave well alone?

Answer:

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4. The Nave Ceiling

The paintings on the ceiling of the Nave show some of the most important stories in the Bible. But which animal here might you hunt down?

Answer:

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3. Priors' Door*

Look at the carvings all around the door, there are so many figures of people and animals to spot. Which ones would make a tasty meal though?

Answer:

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2. Noah's Ark Window

Noah's Ark. Which of the animals on this window will you be hunting?

Answer:

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1. West Door

Let's start with some easy prey first... find an easy meal in the ironwork on the door to the Cathedral. These creatures don't technically exist, and if they did they might not last long - why?

Answer:

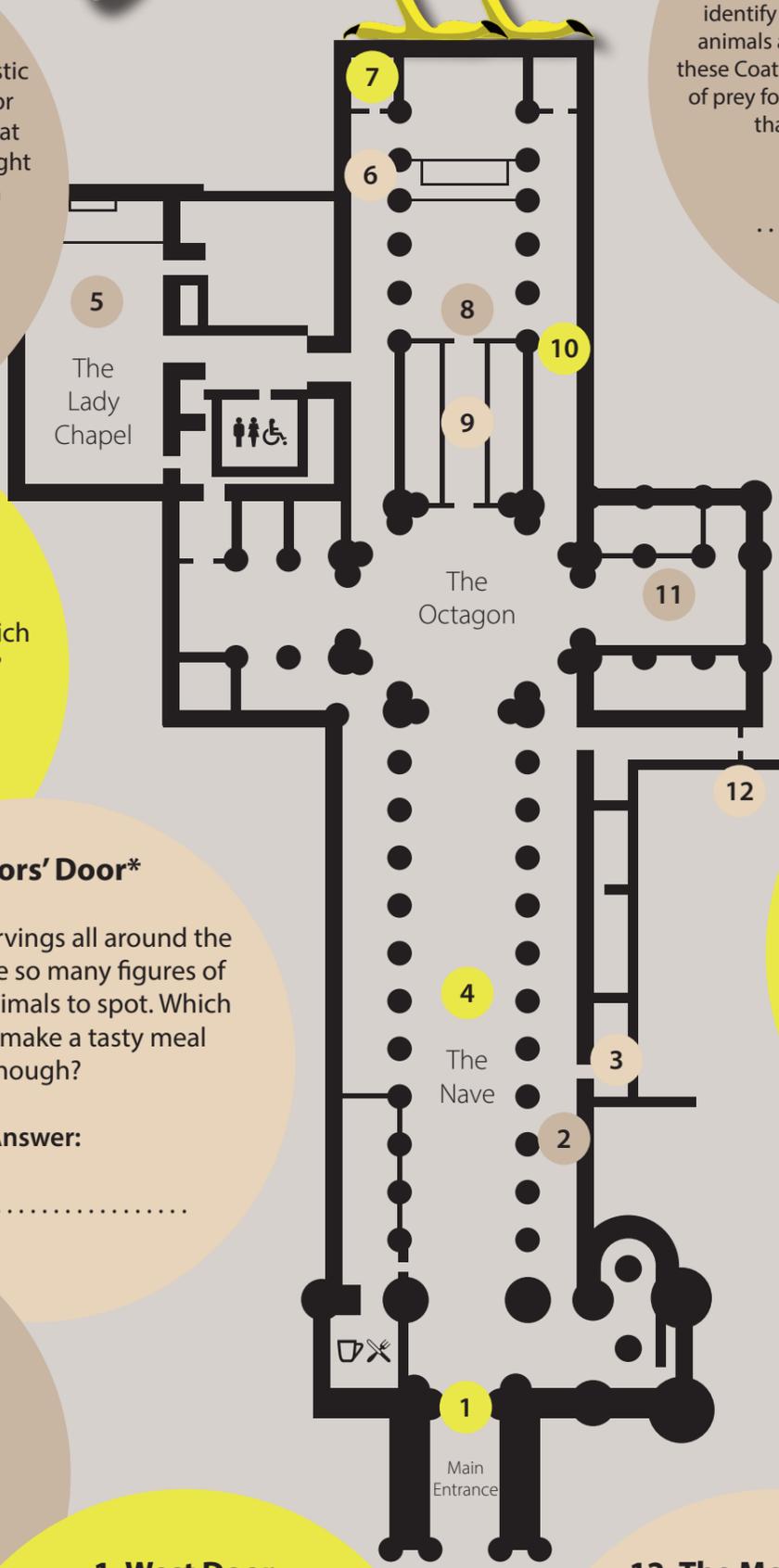
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12. The Monk's Door

This is where the monks would enter the Cathedral for their prayers, you'll see the 2 praying monks and the dragons encouraging them to be good above the door. Perhaps don't try and attack the dragons, but search in the stained glass for a less fiery meal!

Answer:

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* These areas of the Cathedral may not be accessible on some occasions.

