

# Play path

An interestingly designed and constructed path provides a variety of play opportunities for those with the imagination to create their own adventure or game. This path at the Eden Project winds round mounds and site features; it can represent a journey or be used as stepping stones.



## HOW TO BUILD

- The line of a play path should be carefully planned to incorporate interesting site features such as mounds, trees and shrubs.
- Avoid following low-lying areas where water is likely to pond. If ponding is likely to occur raise the level of the stone above the finished ground level to provide stepping stones.
- For a stone or boulder path, strip the top soil and compact the subsoil to make firm foundation. Then place stones on a base of 40mm dust or concrete to stabilise and level. Backfill with gently compacted topsoil. Sow grass seed and keep people off until the grass has had its first cut.

## Alternatives

- Instead of stone slabs, slates or boulders consider using loose material such as gravel or bark to create 'dry streams'. Create some concrete cast slabs using pottery clay on a board to make a mould (eg. leaf, snake, fossil, bones, skull).