Since 2014, Château de Versailles Spectacles has developed a vast and ambitious project to illuminate the Night Fountains Show.

After the Great Perspectiv (façade of the corps central, Terraces, Latona's Fountain and Parterre, Great Lawn...), after the North axis (from the North Parterre to the Neptune Fountain), then the façades of the North and South wings, it's the newly restored Apollo's Fountains and the South Parterre that have benefited in 2024 from an overhaul their lighting.

Fountains and pools, statues and vegetation are now illuminated through ingenious installations designed by lighting designer Laurent Fachard

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# **GROVES & FOUNTAINS**

The groves of Versailles were designed during Louis XIV's reign as open air drawing rooms concealed at the heart of the wooded areas of the gardens. One went there for refreshments and light meals, to listen to music or dance. The King could satisfy his taste for gambling and performing arts in these venues intended solely for entertainment and celebrations. Decorated with fountains, vases and statues, accessed through discreet walks, these groves bring surprise and creativity within the Royal Garden.

## **GREAT PERSPECTIVE**

In the Park of the Palace, this grandiose stretch of landscape designed by André Le Nôtre in the 1660s goes from the Palace itself (the King's Bedchamber and the Hall of Mirrors) to the extremity of the Grand Canal. Apollo, the emblematic figure of Louis XIV, is present everywhere in figurative or symbolic form.



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#### **GREAT LAWN**

The Great Lawn, a vast lawn surrounded by an impressive cortege of marble statues, will be adorned with majestic flames from Groupe F, rhythmically punctuating the festive music and offering an astonishing perspective view of the Royal Garden.

#### LATONA'S FOUNTAIN

From the top of the steps of the Latona's Fountain, the visitor can look out over the Grand Perspective and admire, from the king's viewing point, a constellation of bubbles reflecting the day's last rays of sunshine. The statues of this recently restored fountain illustrate the legend of Diana and Apollo's mother protecting her children against the insults of the peasants of Lycia and demanding vengeance from Jupiter who changed them into frogs.

#### **APOLLO'S FOUNTAIN** Newly restored

At 10:50pm, Groupe F will be producing a finale visible all along the Grand Perspective, combining a fireworks display at the head of the Grand Canal and flames soaring from the Great Lawn.





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Stroll through the illuminated gardens of the Château de Versailles, set to an electro-soundtrack. Versailles as you've never seen it... or heard it!

> **GROVES EXCEPTIONALLY OPEN,** LIGHT AND MUSICAL DISPLAYS from 8:30pm to 11:25pm

> > WATER DISPLAYS from 8:30pm to 11:20pm

FIREWORKS FINAL SHOW - GROUPE F from 11:30pm to 11:45pm

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**SOUTH** 

# ORANGERY (

Built by Jules Hardouin-Mansart between 1684 and 1686, it consists of a large central vaulted gallery 150 meters long, prolonged by two side galleries located under the Hundred Steps staircase. 1 055 trees in tubs stay inside the building during winter months before being welcomed by the Orangery Parterre. From June 18th to September 29th 2024, discover the artist Eva Jospin and her work Chambre de soie at the Eva Jospin-Versailles exhibition.

#### **BALLROOM GROVE**

The Ballroom Grove was built by Le Nôtre and the fountain engineers of Louis XIV. Strollers will be able to enjoy a surprising play of lights accompanying the favourite music of the King and the miracle of the water pouring in cascades down the rocaille steps of the amphitheatre.



#### **MIRROR FOUNTAIN**

Louis XIV ordered this basin in 1702. In the spirit of the fountains of Le Nôtre, but with modern technical means, the Fountains Night Show is presented.



DJ MEHDI - SIGNATUNE (THOMAS BANGALTER EDIT)

#### **COLONNADE GROVE**

In the circular space of the Colonnade Grove designed by Jules Hardouin-Mansart, the sculptor Girardon placed one of the white marble masterpieces of Versailles. Pluto, the God of Hell, snatches Proserpine from the Earth, her mother, and carries her up into the sky, with lasers here creating unexpected shapes in the coloured smoke clouds.



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#### **GIRANDOLE AND DAUPHIN'S GROVES**

In these ravishing grove laid out as labyrinths, discover a highly colourful and theatrical staging of them with water and light features.

#### **NORTH**

#### **NEPTUNE FOUNTAIN**

The Neptune fountain was dug out in the shape of a halfcircle as in the ancient Greek theatres. Armed with his trident, Neptune, the god of the sea, sends gracious spouts of water into the sky.



ANTOINE BOURACHOT

#### THREE FOUNTAINS GROVE

One of Louis XIV's favorite groves. The simplicity of its decor, composed of lawn, marble, rocaille and shells, and characterized by the absence of any statues, lends it all its atmosphere.



PAUL PRIER

#### TRIUMPHAL ARCH GROVE



Completed between 1679 and 1683, this grove now houses just one fountain: Triumphal France, created in gilded lead by sculptors Antoine Coysevox, Jean-Baptiste Tuby and Jacques Prou.

## WATER THEATER GROVE

Designed by André Le Nôtre between 1671 and 1674. The grove was restored in 2015 by landscape architect Louis Benech and artist Jean-Michel Othoniel, who created a permanent contemporary installation.

#### **APOLLO'S BATH GROVE**

Designed by Hubert Robert from 1776, this grove features a pre-romantic style with a remarkable rock sheltering sculptures of Apollo and the Muses by Marsy, Guérin, Girardon and Regnaudin, recovered from Louis XIV's Grotte de Thétis.

#### **OBELISK GROVE**

The grove features a large two-level rectangular pool with water jets forming a liquid obelisk, and is animated by four water staircases.

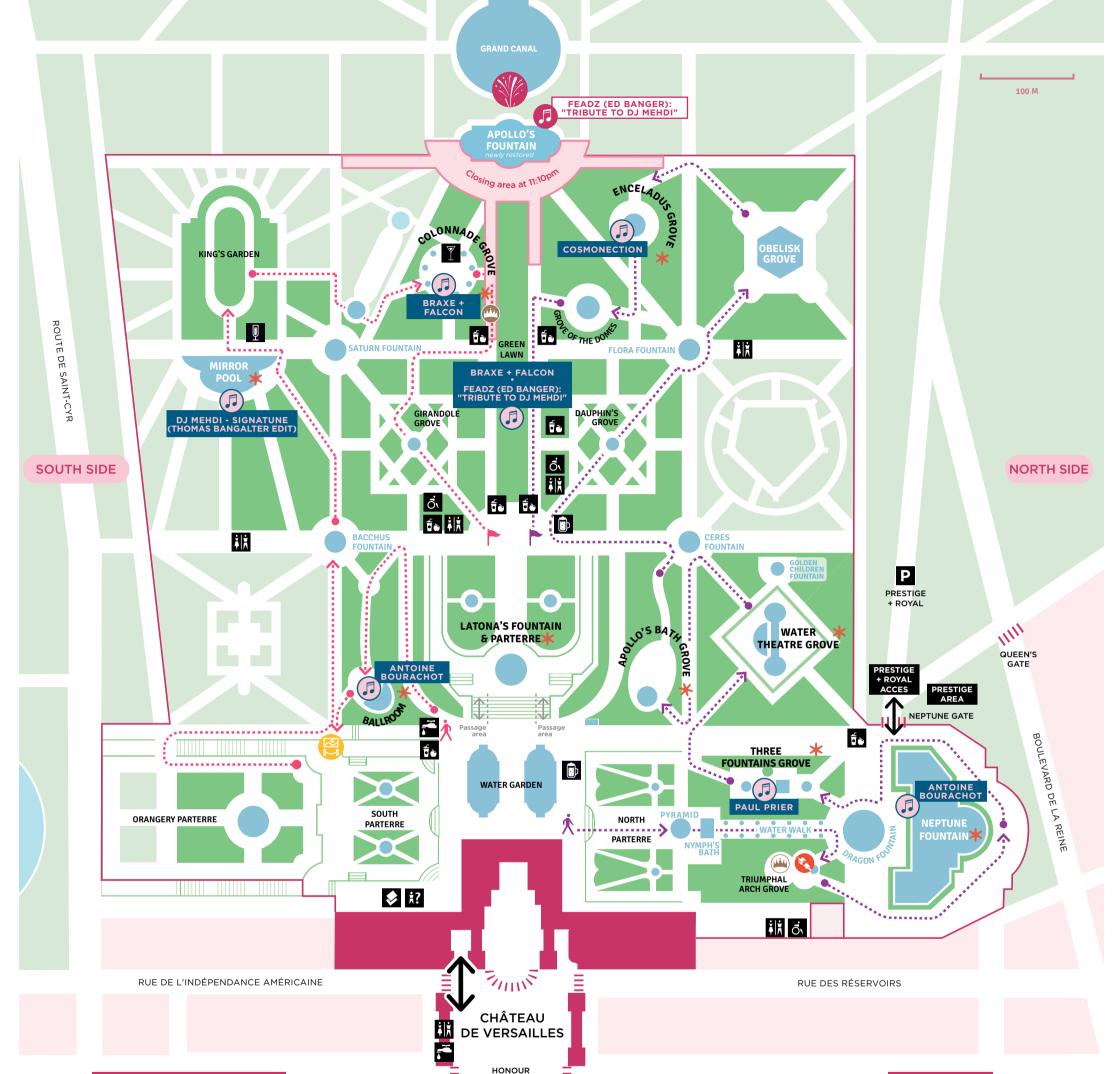
## **ENCELADUS GROVE**

The grove designed by Le Nôtre in 1675 is home to a marvel of French Baroque sculpture: the giant Enceladus, a work in gilded lead by Marsy. It depicts Enceladus buried under rocks, punished by the gods of Olympus, in the style of the Lyrical Tragedy during the 17th century.



## THE DOMES GROVE

The basin countains small fountains, from which water gushes. The water flows into the channel in the parapet and then as a thin sheet of water into the basin.



#### **SUGGESTED WALKS**

To facilitate your stroll, we suggest two circuits that will allow you to discover the gardens easily. You can also organise your stroll to suit yourself.



Suggested walk South side Estimated time: 1h



Suggested walk North side Estimated time: 1h30



After your stroll, return to the Great Perspective for the final show, featuring pyrotechnics and drones synchronized above the Apollo Chariot fountain from 11.30pm to 11.45pm.



## **TONIGHT IN THE GARDENS**

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**GROVES EXCEPTIONALLY OPEN LIGHT AND MUSICAL DISPLAYS** 

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#### **WATER DISPLAY** From 8:30pm to 11:20pm

Mirror Pool - Every 10 minutes Neptune Fountain - Every 15 minutes

## FIREWORKS FINAL SHOW

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# **LEGEND**



Fireworks show



Royal Square Location for the



Royal Area Arch Grove Stairs



Entrance / Exit



Eva Jospin



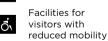
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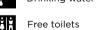












## **NOTICE TO VISITORS** No readmission after leaving the site.

No picnics are allowed inside the paying area. It is forbidden to walk or sit on lawns or to lean on or touch statues. Smoking is forbidden inside the groves.

The fountains' water is non-drinkable. Bathing is prohibited. Please observe instructions given by hospitality staff.