



THE HARRY POTTER TRAIL

Location
Oxfordshire
film tv photography

Oxford and Harry Potter

Walking around historic Oxford you almost feel Harry, Hermione and Ron right behind you in some magical parallel universe! Oxford locations (the Bodleian, New College and Christ Church) famously feature in many of the early Harry Potter films helping to create the iconic gothic backdrop that became the unmistakable Hogwarts school of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

Bodleian Library

1. **Divinity Hall.** *The Philosopher's Stone* This famous hall with its classic gothic vaulted ceiling was used as Hogwarts Infirmary. Harry ends up here at the end of the film after his confrontation with Voldermort.
2. **Duke Humphries Library.** *The Philosopher's Stone.* Harry in his invisibility cloak looks for clues in Hogwarts library to be terrified by the monster in the book and then in real life by caretaker Argus Filch.

(**Divinity Hall.** Open: Mon – Fri 9.00– 5.00. Sat 9.00 – 4.30. Sun 11.00 – 5.00 Info: 01865 277224. Special tours only around **Duke Humphrey's Library** for over 11s. Charges apply)

New College (Open: Mon – Sun 11.00 – 5.00. Info 01865 279500. Charges apply)

3. **New College Cloisters.** *The Goblet of Fire.* Harry has fallen out with everyone and comes face to face with Malfoy sitting in the tree. Malfoy is then turned into a ferret in front of our eyes to the annoyance of Professor McGonagall

Christ Church (Open: Mon-Sat 9.00 - 5.00 Sun 2.00 - 5.00. Info: 01865 276492. Charges apply)

4. **The Stairway (top).** *The Philosopher's Stone.* Harry, Ron, Hermione and the other 'first years' walk up the grand stairway to Hogwarts to be met by Professor McGonagall under the magnificent gothic vaulted roof. It is here also that the 3 are reunited at the end of the film.
5. **The Great Hall.** One of the most famous rooms in Oxford became the inspiration for Hogwarts Dining Hall for all of the Harry Potter films. A studio set was created from photographs of the Tudor Great Hall and used for the film shoots. See if you can spot the similarities and differences!
6. **The Stairway (bottom).** *Chamber of Secrets.* Harry and Ron fly into Hogwarts in their Ford Anglia, climb these stairs and come face to face with Argus Filch. It is also the location used for the first meeting between Harry and Tom Riddle.
7. **The Cloisters.** *Philosopher's Stone* Here Hermione shows Harry the trophy his father won as a seeker in Quidditch. The scene was shot just outside the current bookshop.





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2. Bodleian Library - Duke Humphries Library



3. New College Cloisters



7. Christ Church Cloisters



6. Christ Church Stairway (bottom)



5. Christ Church Great Hall



4. Christ Church Stairway (top)

