

Queen Mica's Scintillant Palace:

North Wing, Level 3

These notes concern details for the locations in the third subterranean Level of the North Wing to Queen Mica's Scintillant Palace. Information regarding the Palace as a whole, including aspects of its physical features and the overall map layout and creation mechanisms not discussed here, can be found in the notes with the Queen Mica's Scintillant Palace Level 1 map elsewhere in the Atlas.

The passages and most chambers on this Level can be assumed as roughly 10 feet, 3 metres, high, with floors and ceilings of similarly irregular character to the mapped walls, where not noted otherwise. The passages can be considered as loosely circular in cross-section, so about as high as they are wide, where that may be important. Each level in the Palace complex is vertically separated from the next by an average of 50 ft, 15 m, from the floor of the higher level to the ceiling of the lower, where not noted otherwise. The angles shown on the maps for tunnels that connect between levels are based on this assumed separation distance, and are approximate only, especially given the irregular form of all the interior surfaces. Chambers on a given level need not be all at the same depth as one another either.

GMs wishing to continue the illusory nature of the Palace complex as outlined in the main Palace Level 1 discussions, where the whole is a hilltop Faerie castle with high towers, should continue to invert the general nature of the floorplan here - so this Level would be some way above ground-level, with window and balcony views out over the surrounding countryside north of the Palace's hilltop site and parts of the neighbouring Palace - and adapt the content of the chambers accordingly, much as was done among the Level 1 "Illusory" comments.

The four Palace Wings are each separate complexes to the main Palace, which is central to all. Only Level 1 of the North Wing connects directly with the main Palace (see that Level's description for details).

Most of the Wings are not used regularly by the colony, although sometimes a large part of the colony's activities may be moved into one or other Wing for a time (usually a season or so). Consequently, there is often less likelihood of meeting any of the colony's inhabitants in such little-used Wings, for which very few notes have been added on the potential uses the chambers may be put to.

Regarding the North Wing particularly, the layout here is very vertical across five separate Levels, much like the main Palace itself, so if retaining part of the illusory nature of the Palace, this Wing might be best imagined as containing some of the tallest towers in the whole complex.

Features of Level N3

* **Tunnel Angle N3.1:** A vertical tunnel shaft opens in the ceiling beside the southwestern wall-angle here, having descended vertically from Chamber N1.7 two Levels above. The tunnel wall here serves as its accessway. This is the only route by which to reach Chambers N1.7 and N1.8 on Level N1.

* **Tunnel N3.2:** A long, curving tunnel connecting with a similar tunnel descending from N2.2 above, sloping down at around 40° into Chamber N3.3.

* **Chamber N3.3:** A large, open, spheroidal chamber. Its ceiling and floor each curve away from its mapped midline, so at the chamber's centre, each is about 35 ft, 11 m, above and below that point. Three tunnels provide accessways, two to the northeast, one to the west, each of which has an opening close to the spheroid's horizontal midline. The western tunnel leads west then north past the exit from the ceiling tunnel at N3.1 to Chamber N3.4. The more westerly of the two northeastern tunnels also leads into N3.4, passing north then west in doing so, while the third opening is that for Tunnel N3.2. There is a fresh sawdust smell across this Chamber.

* **Chamber N3.4:** This squarish chamber has four access-tunnels. Those to the south and east lead to Chamber N3.3, with those to the west and north descending steeply to Level 4 *via* tunnels N3.5 and N3.6 respectively. The floor here is quite smooth, and it slopes down increasingly steeply towards the northwestern corner, as does the ceiling over the same area, maintaining the Chamber's roughly 10ft, 3 m, height throughout.

* **Tunnel N3.5:** This passageway connects N3.4 westwards with N4.1 on the next Level down, descending sharply at about 75°.

* **Tunnel N3.6:** The descent here is a little less steep than that N3.5, although it is still around 50°, linking Chamber N3.4 north to N4.5 below.