

Cuttings

Cuttings are paths enclosed by landform or retaining walls on both sides. They provide distinct landscape experiences for symbolic, spatial and microclimatic reasons. The microclimate is often still and silent; damp and cool if deep and vegetated; warm and sunny if

shallow. Cuttings offer opportunities for dramatic contrast of spatial experience, moving from open expansive spaces to 'closed in' territory and vice versa. As hidden places, cuttings encourage exploration but can also be places of fear.