





Deer Park walk – 2¼ miles

Stowe Parkland, Buckinghamshire

Take a stroll around this beautiful parkland, which we are currently restoring to its former glory of groves, woodland and plantations.

Start: Stowe car park **Map:** OS Landranger 152 **Grid ref:** SP665366

Getting here...

Buses: Stagecoach Express X5, Cambridge-Oxford (passing Milton Keynes Central  & Bicester North ); Jeffs 32 from Milton Keynes (passing close Milton Keynes Central ); Arriva 66 from Aylesbury (passing close Aylesbury ). On all, alight Buckingham, then 3ml on foot.

Cycling: Sustrans National Cycle Route 70 is linked with bridleways in the park. See www.sustrans.org.uk

Road: 3ml NW of Buckingham via Stowe Avenue, off A422 Buckingham-Banbury road. M40 (exits 9 to 11) and M1 (exits 13 or 15a).

Facilities: Car park, shop, tea-room, WCs and baby-changing facilities.

Things to look out for...

Walled Gardens

Only a few remains of the three walled gardens now exist, but originally they were divided into four and centred around fountains. There is evidence here of the old heating system; cast iron pipes used to heat greenhouses, which protected the fruit and vegetable crops, including then-exotic fruits, like peaches.

Conduit House

This fully-restored gothic building was once the focal point of a grove of trees which provided a serene pastoral scene. The vaulted well beneath the building provided spring water to Stowe House right up until the 1950s.

Haymanger Pond

This restored pond is a haven for wildlife and attracts grebes, snipe, buzzards and basking grass snakes, in addition to many other species.



Buzzards can often be seen circling above hunting for rabbits or Brown Hares, which can also be seen in the Park. The rough pastureland is an ideal habitat for mice and voles, so attracts a variety of birds of prey and you may even see Little Owls hunting during the day.

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The rare long-horned cattle you can see grazing in the parkland were reintroduced by the National Trust as part of our restoration programme to return the parkland to its original state, when deer, longhorn cattle and sheep would have roamed the grounds amongst groves and plantations.

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The Wolfe Obelisk is an impressive monument which stands as a tribute to General James Wolfe, who was killed in action at the Heights of Abraham in Quebec in 1759. The trees at the base of the monument have been recently planted and represent Wolfe's regimental formation for battle.

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Route and directions

The route is waymarked with posts which have a deer head carved into them.

1. Leaving the car park, turn left and go through the gates towards Wolfe's Obelisk.
2. At the Obelisk, continue along a grass path which descends down to a stream at point 3.
3. Turn left at the stream and follow it along to Haymanger Pond.
4. At Haymanger Pond follow the boundary of the field. Go through the gate and continue to the Walled Garden.
5. At the Walled Garden go straight ahead and, turning right, pass the two waymarked posts towards Home Farm.
6. From Home Farm, retrace your steps and follow the path along the valley bottom leading to the rounded Conduit House.
7. At the Conduit House, follow the path back towards Wolfe's Obelisk and where the paths cross turn right to head back to the car park.

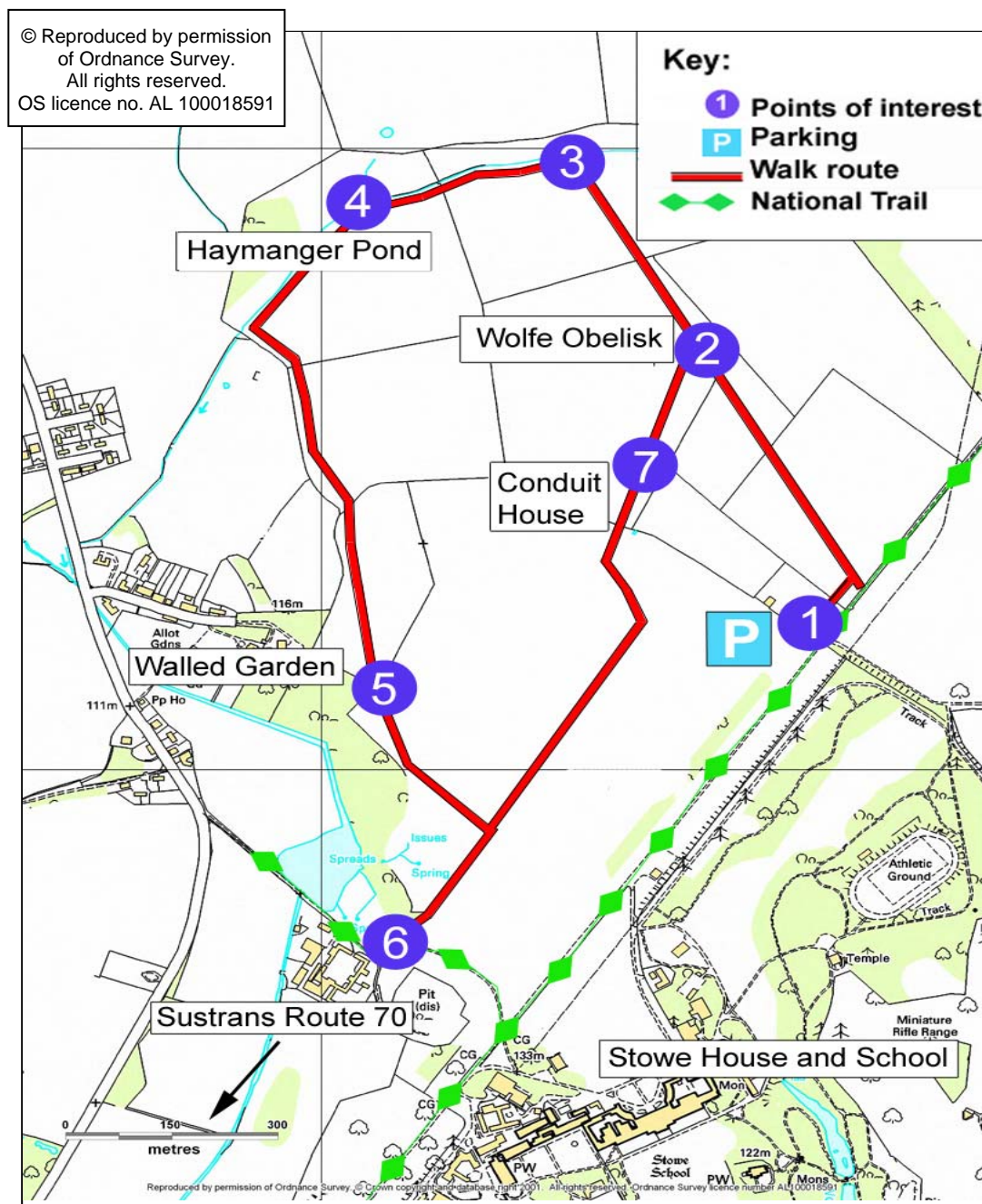
Walk distance, terrain and accessibility

2 ¼ miles (3.8km), roughly 1½ hours.

The grassy paths are cut regularly and can be muddy during wet conditions. Some steep slopes.

Please keep your dog on a lead at all times and take any mess home with you.

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