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# Easy Walk 23

## Grand Designs - Nostell Priory and Parkland

Are you ready to be amazed and impressed? Follow in the footsteps of the Winn Family. They carefully designed and created the parkland to demonstrate their wealth and give pleasure

Put yourself in the picture and enjoy the views created by the family!

1. This is Plane Tree Hill. When Rowland Winn had his portrait painted, the artist included this view and the plans for Nostell Priory to show that Rowland was successful and important. You can see this painting in the Dining Room.
2. Enjoy the view over the Lower Lake. The family used to go boating on the lake. What do you think the view was like when the lake first took this shape in 1822? What can you see today?
3. The restored Druids Bridge looks the same as it did in the Victorian period. Sometimes water flows down the cascade from the Middle Lake.
4. Can you see Obelisk Lodge? This huge pointed building can be seen for miles around. In the 1700s this was the main entrance to the parkland. Can you imagine living here and opening the gates for the family's carriages?
5. Sheep Wash Field. Can you see the big, old trees? The standing dead trees are ideal homes for insects, and perfect perches for birds of prey.
6. As you leave Joiner's Wood, you can see Nostell Stables. Horses were very important here. The stable buildings had a riding school, coach house, and accommodation for the stable hands.
7. From the top of the Vista, you get a great view of the house. Can you see the family crest in the stonework? The eagle is a symbol of power.





**Distance:**  
1.6km / 1 mile

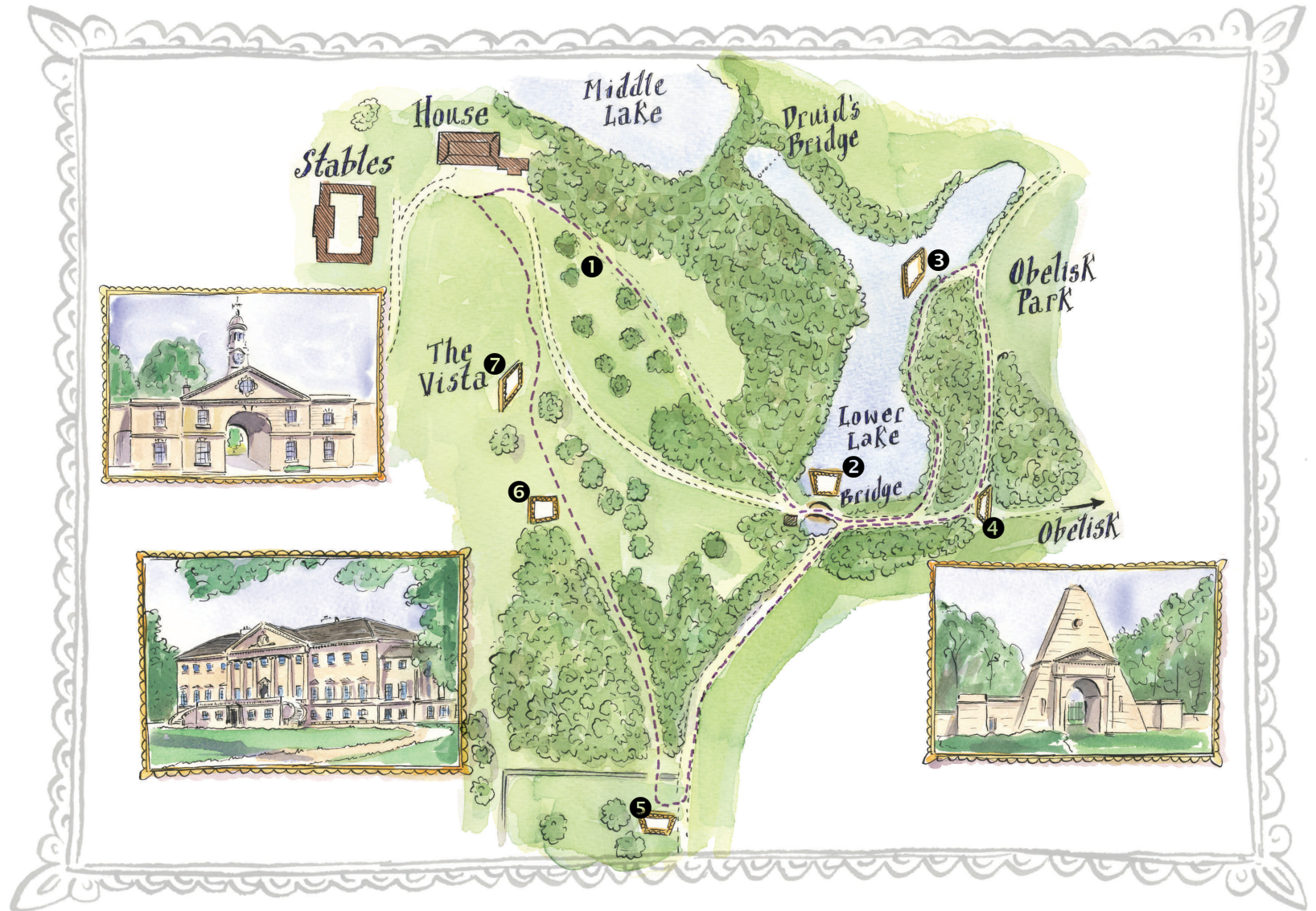
**Time:**  
30 – 40 minutes

**Start and Finish:**  
Begin the walk at the house.

**Toilets, refreshments and the shop** are all in the Stable Courtyard.

**Finding your way:**  
miniature golden picture frames mark the route

**Terrain:** a mixture of grass and woodchip paths and tracks.



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