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Easy Walk 14

The Tonic of the Terrace - Rievaulx Terrace and Temples

Relax, you're at Rievaulx...

Rievaulx was created for people to picnic, relax and unwind, so let the stresses and strains of life melt away on this easy walk.

- Take the path on the left as you leave the visitor centre and breathe deeply as you wander on the winding woodland path, through the trees which whisper on a calm day, or blow your cares away on a windy day!
- After a short distance, you may notice a clearing on the left with tall-backed natural chairs. Why not sit a while and see if you can hear any birdsong - Rievaulx is a haven for wildlife, as well as for us!
- After a while, continue on the path and notice how your eyes and mind begin to relax - this is because of the restful colours and lines of the trees, drawing your eyes upwards. See if you can spot any hinge snails climbing the trees...
- Next on your walk, you will see the old carriage entrance where, in the 18th century, guests of Thomas Duncombe III would have arrived in carriages and then enjoyed the views, some food, drink and relaxation.
- Carry along the path until you reach the gap in the trees onto the terrace. Pause and let your eyes adjust to the view. Where the woodland walk encourages your eyes to look up, into the treetops; here you look across the terrace to the Temples at each end and also down from the Terrace towards Rievaulx Abbey.
- At the end of the terrace, you will find the domed Tuscan Temple (thought to be a scaled down version of the mausoleum at Castle Howard). Look up, look around, breathe deeply and enjoy the view from this temple.
- As you walk back along the terrace, pause to enjoy the vistas down to the Abbey and pick your favourite view. If its dry, why not sit or lie down and sketch, take a photo, or just relax and enjoy the view.



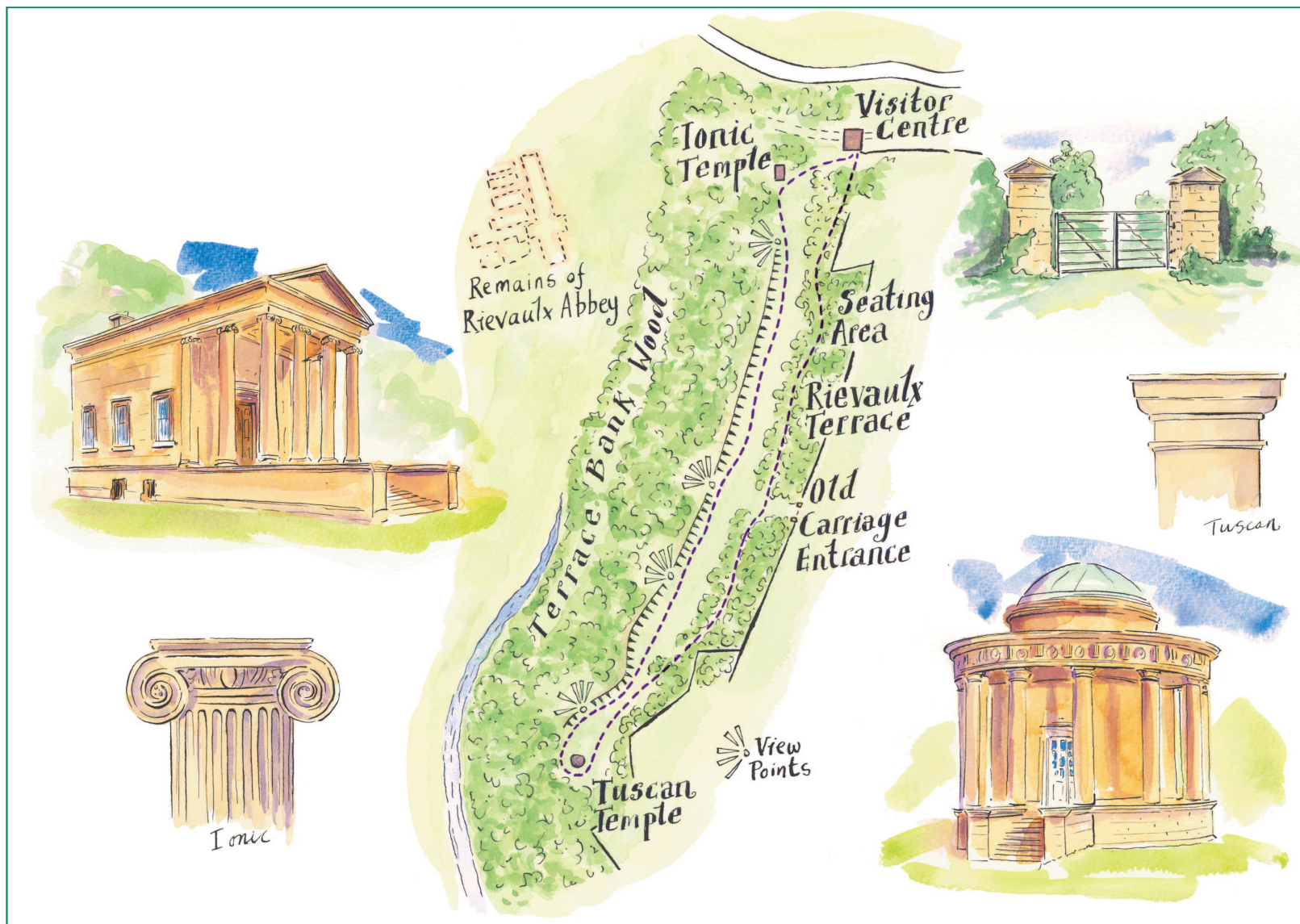
Finish your walk at the Ionic temple and join a tour if you would like to find out more about how the Terrace and Temples were used in the eighteenth century.



Distance
1 mile

Terrain
Easy

Start your walk
at the visitor
centre—toilets



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