

# Parkland walk... 3.5 miles

## Croome Park

Beautiful and interesting parkland, often described as 'Europe's most influential landscape'. Croome Park was created for the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Coventry in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by 'Capability' Brown, and was the first designed parkland he completed. Take some time to marvel at the beautiful structures and follies dotted around the park; these were cleverly positioned by the park's designers to draw your attention to the most impressive views.

**Start:** Visitor Centre    **Map:** OS Landranger 150    **Grid ref:** SO888451

### Getting there...

**Train:** Nearest station is Pershore, 7 miles away

**Buses:** Aston's 382 Worcester–Persnore, alight Ladywood/Rebecca Road Crossroads, 2 miles walk from Croome Park

**Cycling:** 2 miles from route 46 (Persnore–Worcester). Quiet on-road route.

**Road:** 9 miles South of Worcester and East of M5. Signposted from A38 and B4084

**Facilities:** 1940s–style canteen serving refreshments, WCs and shop

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### Look out for...

#### The London Arch

Designed by Robert Adam in the 18th Century, this was the grand entrance to Croome Court. It once had railings either side, which are thought to have been removed for use during the war.

#### The Rotunda

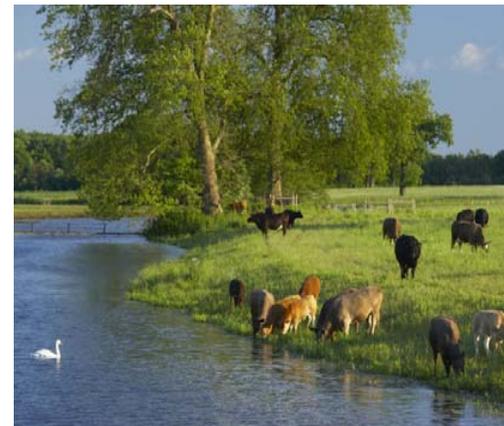
This Grade I listed feature, which you can find near the walled garden, is thought to have been designed inside and out by 'Capability' Brown.

#### The Park Seat

Designed as a viewing station in 1770 by Robert Adam, on a good day, you can pick out Croome's other eye-catchers and follies in the distance. It earned the nickname 'The Owl's Nest', due to its long-time resident.



An atmospheric shot of the man-made lake at Croome Park, with trees reflected in the water and an eerie mist rising from the surface. Standing on the lake shore you'll be able to see the two islands in the middle of the lake, added as features when the lake was constructed in the 1950s.  
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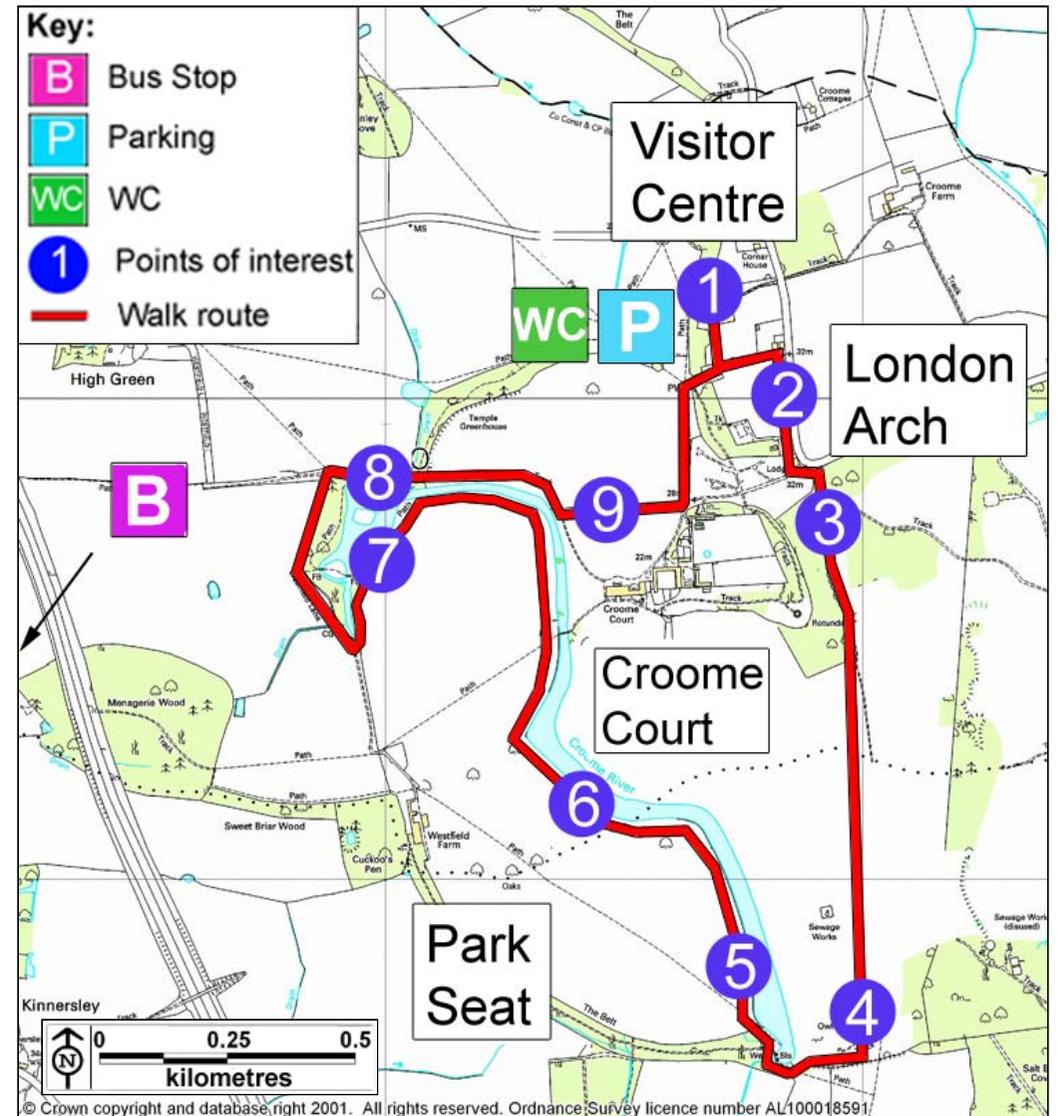
Cattle graze peacefully beside the river in Croome Park, Worcestershire. The river is a mile and a half long and is entirely man-made. It is thought to be a reconstruction of the River Severn, which lies at the edge of the Croome Estate.  
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The Panorama Tower was built as one of the Outer Eye-catchers, a building or folly originally built to 'draw the eye' across the landscape. It was also used as a viewing platform for hunting.  
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## Route and directions:

1. Follow the path through the Wild Walk shrubbery and on through the gate. Just before the church turn left through the churchyard. Exit the churchyard through the gate on the other side, and continue straight on until you reach the road.
2. Turn right and follow the road to the London Arch. On the bend you will see a gate and stile; cross the stile and follow the concrete path until it ends.
3. Keep walking past a line of oak trees on your left.
4. Walk along the ridge and just before you reach a wooden gate, turn right, and follow the fence line downhill, until you see the Park Seat on your left. Continue downhill until you reach the river, then turn left.
5. Follow the path around the weir at the end of the river across a wooden bridge.
6. Climb over a stile and follow the footpath along, with the river on your right.
7. Continue along the river, round the bend and along the line of a ha-ha.
8. At the third gate, leave the field and turn right onto the lane. Follow the lane until you reach the Pier Gates. Pass through the stone gates, and follow the carriage drive as it rises ahead.
9. Passing over the Dry Arch Bridge, head through the gate and follow the river towards the Court. Continue round the edge of the field and back to the church.



## Walk distance, terrain and accessibility

Total distance is 3.5 miles (5.5 km) along hard paths and lanes, with bridges and stiles to cross. Take care when near roads. Dogs are welcome.

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