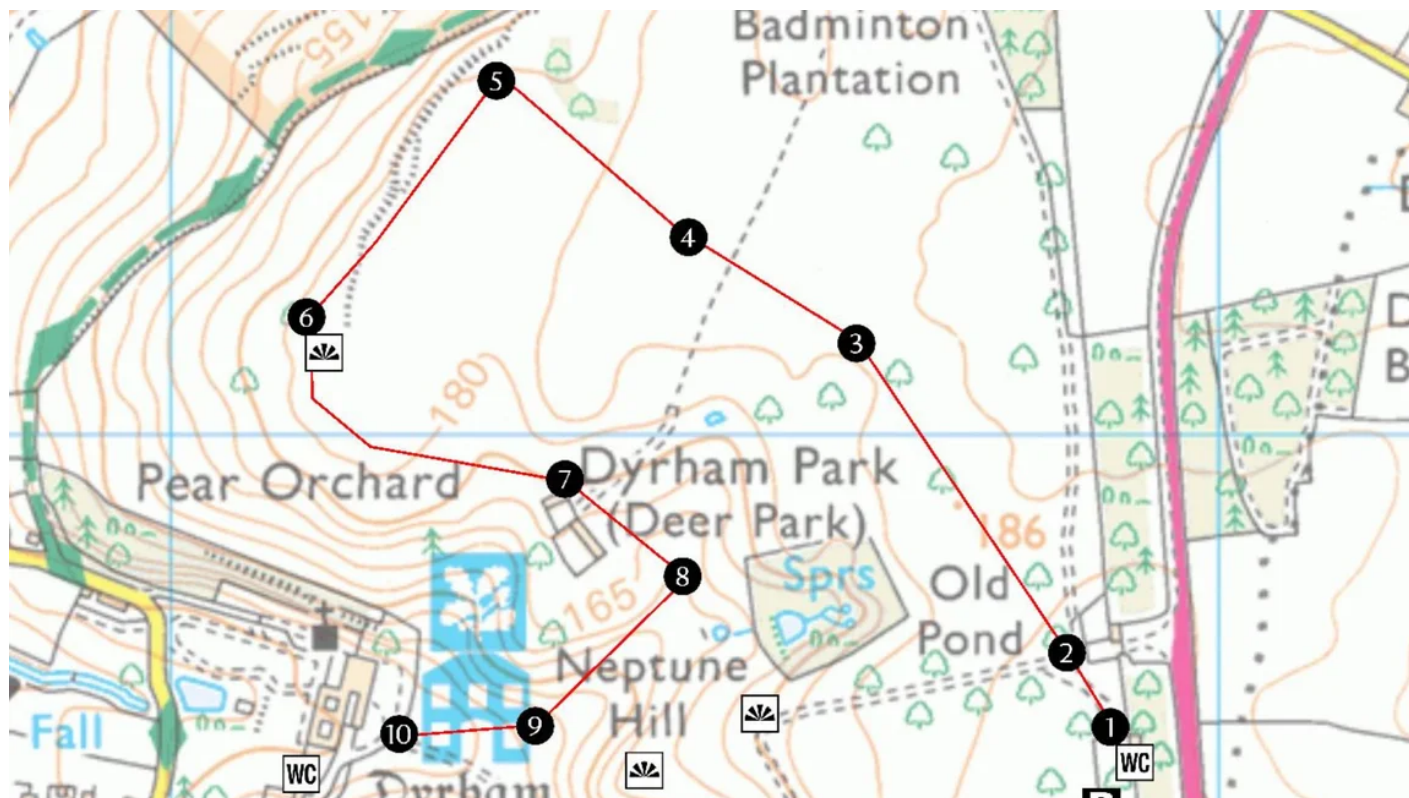


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The Prospect Walk at Dyrham Park

Please check with Visitor Reception for any recent route changes on arrival. With views across the Cotswold hills and the Bristol Channel, Dyrham Park is the perfect place to enjoy sweeping vistas. The Prospect Walk will guide you to the best viewpoints around the parkland, before finishing at the baroque splendour of the house's East Front.



Information

Address: Dyrham Park visitor reception, Dyrham, near Bath, South Gloucestershire, SN14 8HY

OS map: Explorer 155

Activity: Walking

Easy: Terrain is steep and uneven in places. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Not suitable for dogs: Sorry, but dogs (other than assistance dogs) are not permitted on this walk.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

The terrain is steep and uneven in places. In winter months, parts of the parkland may become muddy.

Total steps: 10

Start point: Visitor reception, Dyrham Park, SN14 8HY

1. After leaving visitor reception, follow the pathway across the small grassed area towards the main drive. Keeping the main entrance to your right, cross the drive to the other side.
2. Once here, you'll see the entrance to a third lime tree avenue. Follow the route of the avenue across the parkland, until you reach a tree stump with an engraved compass on it.
3. At the tree stump, follow the path of the arrow labelled Prospect Walk. Keep walking until you reach the split tree.
4. At the split tree trunk, look for the arrow carved into the wood and follow its direction to the edge of the parkland.
5. At the northern fringe of the park, you'll find another carved log waymarker. This viewpoint overlooks Hinton Hill, an Iron Age hillfort and the supposed site for the Battle of Dyrham. From here, turn left and follow the brow of the hill, enjoying the sweeping views as you walk.
6. Continue until you reach the large beech tree and topograph. Here you'll find one of the best views at Dyrham Park. Follow the directions on the topograph to see where your eyeline takes you. On clear days, you may be able to see as far as the Welsh Black Mountains. After taking in the view, follow the path to your left towards Old Lodge.
7. After walking for around 300 yards you'll come to a collection of Victorian farm buildings known as Old Lodge. You could take a break to visit the picnic area, or you can continue onwards with your walk. You can either walk with Old Lodge to your left, to see glimpses of Neptune Hill and the house through the trees, or you can walk through the trees to the right of Old Lodge.

8. You'll soon come to a dip between the two hills. Turn right and follow the slope downwards. Keeping the fenced area to your left, walk across the parkland until you reach the bottom of Neptune Hill.
9. At the foot of Neptune Hill, take a moment to look upwards at the striking profile of Neptune against the sky. Then, turning towards the house, make your way across the flat parkland towards the house.
10. By now you'll have reached the East Front, and will be able to see Dyrham in all its baroque splendour. From here you can walk through the gate to the right of the cattle grid to see the house and the West Garden, or visit the tea-room for a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

End point: East Front, Dyrham Park, SN14 8HY
