

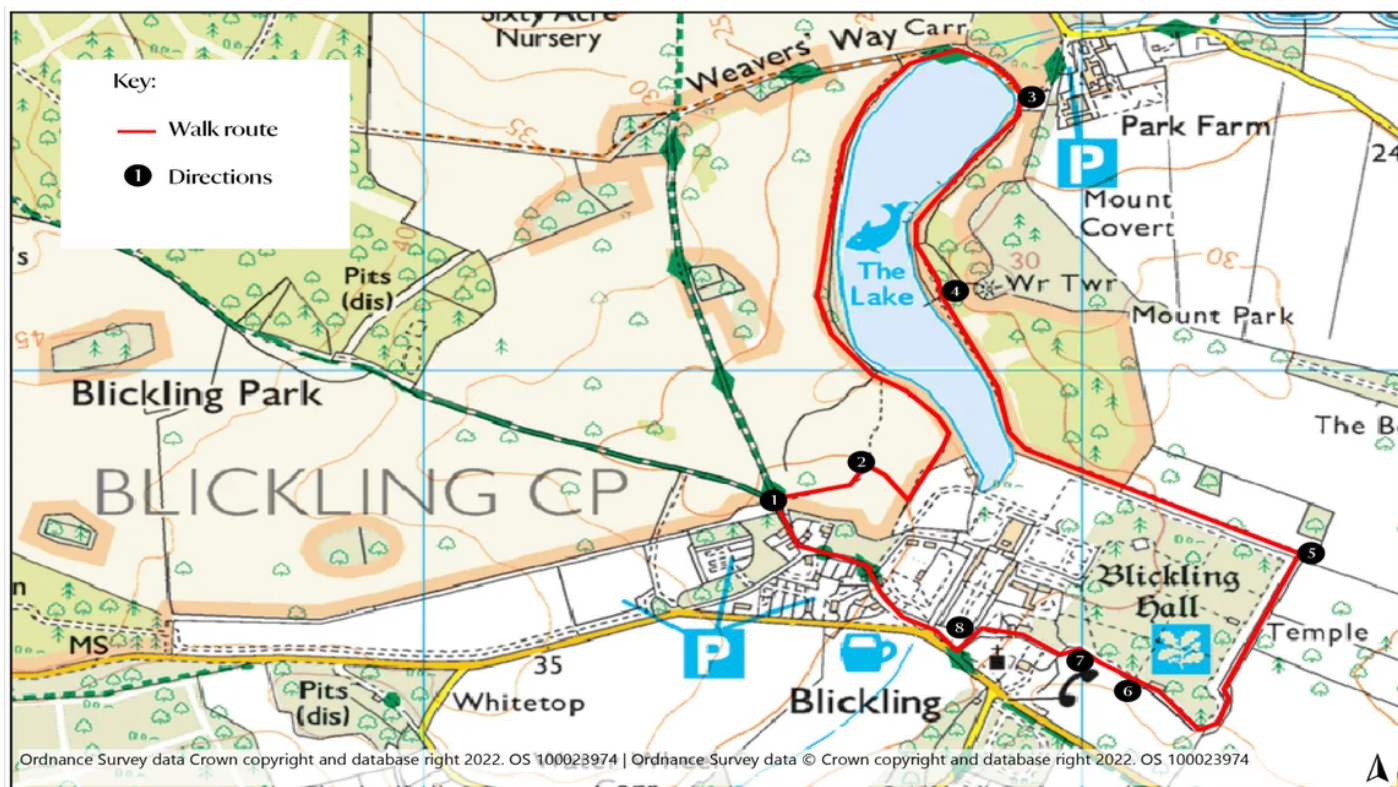
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Blickling lake walk

A tranquil walk around Blickling Park and lake, keeping the formal garden and Jacobean House in view. Visiting the Mount, Ha-ha, Doric Temple and Orangery, with gentle slopes, woods, open fields, frequent seats and breathtaking views, the lake walk is a walk for the 'not so energetic'. Ideal for families.

! Lake wall conservation work

We are currently carrying out important conservation work to the north end of the lake wall, affecting the circular route of the lake walk. Temporary maps and information will be available in welcome areas and at information points around the affected area.



Information

Address: Blickling, Norwich, Norfolk, NR11 6NF

OS map: Landranger 133, Explorer 252

Activity: Walking

Easy: Firm grass paths, seats, tree roots, gates. May be muddy in wet weather. For further information please visit the section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome in park and woods on leads at all times. Please remove all dog litter.

Full trail: Miles: 1.8 (km: 2.88)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

Waymarked – green arrows on white-topped posts. Firm grass paths, seats, tree roots, gates. May be muddy in wet weather. Suitable footwear recommended.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Blickling main car park, grid ref: TG178286

1. From Blickling main car park, facing the visitor centre, skirt the left-hand side of the building and follow the path down to the road. Turn left and follow the road until you reach the large black and white gates. Go through the gates and look for a path on your right, waymarked in blue heading into a patch of trees.
2. Now follow the path through the grass and trees until you reach the lake and turn left. When you reach a bench on the lakeside, look to the left and see if you can see the mausoleum in the distance.
3. Continuing along the path to the end of the lake, go through the gate and cross the dam. You may see several anglers, and there are some seats if you fancy resting for a while. After crossing the dam you will see two gates. Take the right-hand gate and follow the lake path until reaching a small area of woodland and the Mount.
4. As you come out of the woodland you will be greeted by a fantastic view of the house and gardens. To your left you will see an artificial hill known as the Mount.
5. When reaching the bottom of the lake, to your right is a low red-bricked wall known as the Ha-ha.
6. When reaching the end of this section of the ha-ha, go through the gate on your right and continue with the ha-ha (now a fence). The bank to the right is covered with daffodils in spring, and at about the halfway point you can see the back of the Doric Temple.

7. Bearing right through the gate at the end of the ha-ha will bring you into Greenhouse Park. Look out for the Orangery on your right. Ahead of you through the gate, lies the church of St Andrew and former rectory.
8. Carry on alongside the garden boundary and pass through the last gate of the walk. The church of St Andrew and old rectory will be seen to your left. Once through the trees and into the Home Farm courtyard, you will find the seasonal Farmyard café and the second hand bookshop.
9. To return to the car park, go past the cottages, Dairy Farmhouse (a National Trust holiday let) and church on your left, and turn right in front of the house. Enjoy the view down the main drive to the magnificent Blickling Hall.

End point: Blickling main car park, grid ref: TG178286
