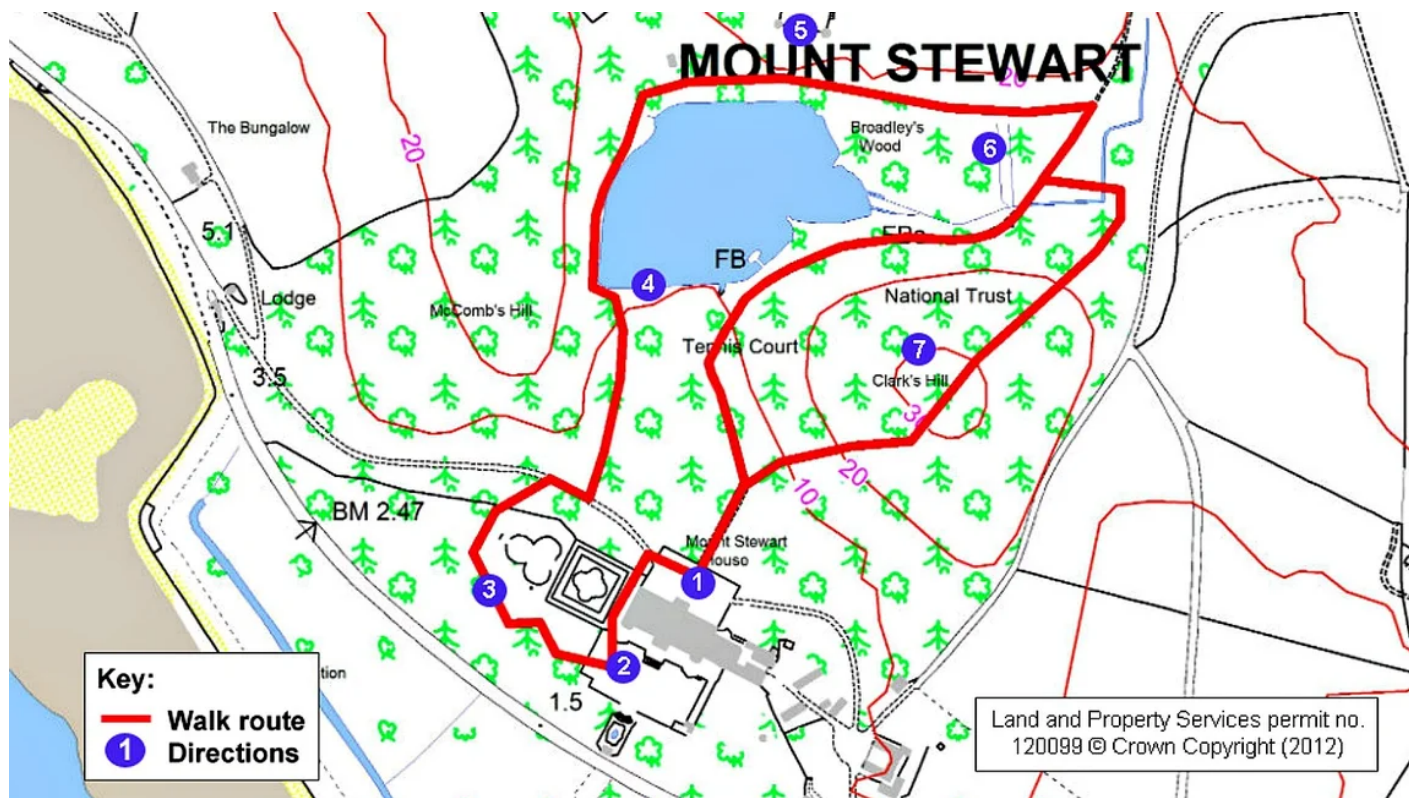


NORTHERN IRELAND

Mount Stewart red squirrel trail

This wildlife trail takes in the path around the lake, formal and informal gardens and the woodlands at Mount Stewart. Look out for red squirrels on the route up to Rhododendron Hill, which has become a haven for these shy creatures. You'll also spot swans on the lake and see some of the unique features added to the estate by Lady Londonderry.



Information

Address: Portaferry Road, Newtownards, County Down BT22 2AD

OS map: NI Discoverer Map 21

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Easy to moderate walking conditions on well surfaced pathways and lawn.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

Easy to moderate walking conditions on well surfaced pathways and lawn, mostly level access with some gravel.

Total steps: 7

Start point: Reception area at Mount Stewart, OSNI grid ref: J553695

1. Start at Mount Stewart reception and make your way to the front of the house via the courtyard.
2. Make your way through the gate into the formal gardens, pass the Sunk Garden and use the stone steps to make your way down into the Italian Garden. Walk straight ahead towards the black and gold metal gate which brings you into the Lily Wood.
3. Make your way through the Lily Wood until you reach the path. Follow the path towards the lake.
4. Follow the path around the lake.
5. Make your way towards Tir nan Òg, the family's burial ground high up on the hill.
6. Continue around the path until you reach Broadley's woodland.
7. Continue on the path around the lake towards Mount Stewart house or take an alternative route through Rhododendron Hill. Finish your walk by returning to the front of Mount Stewart house.

End point: Reception area at Mount Stewart, OSNI grid ref: J553695