

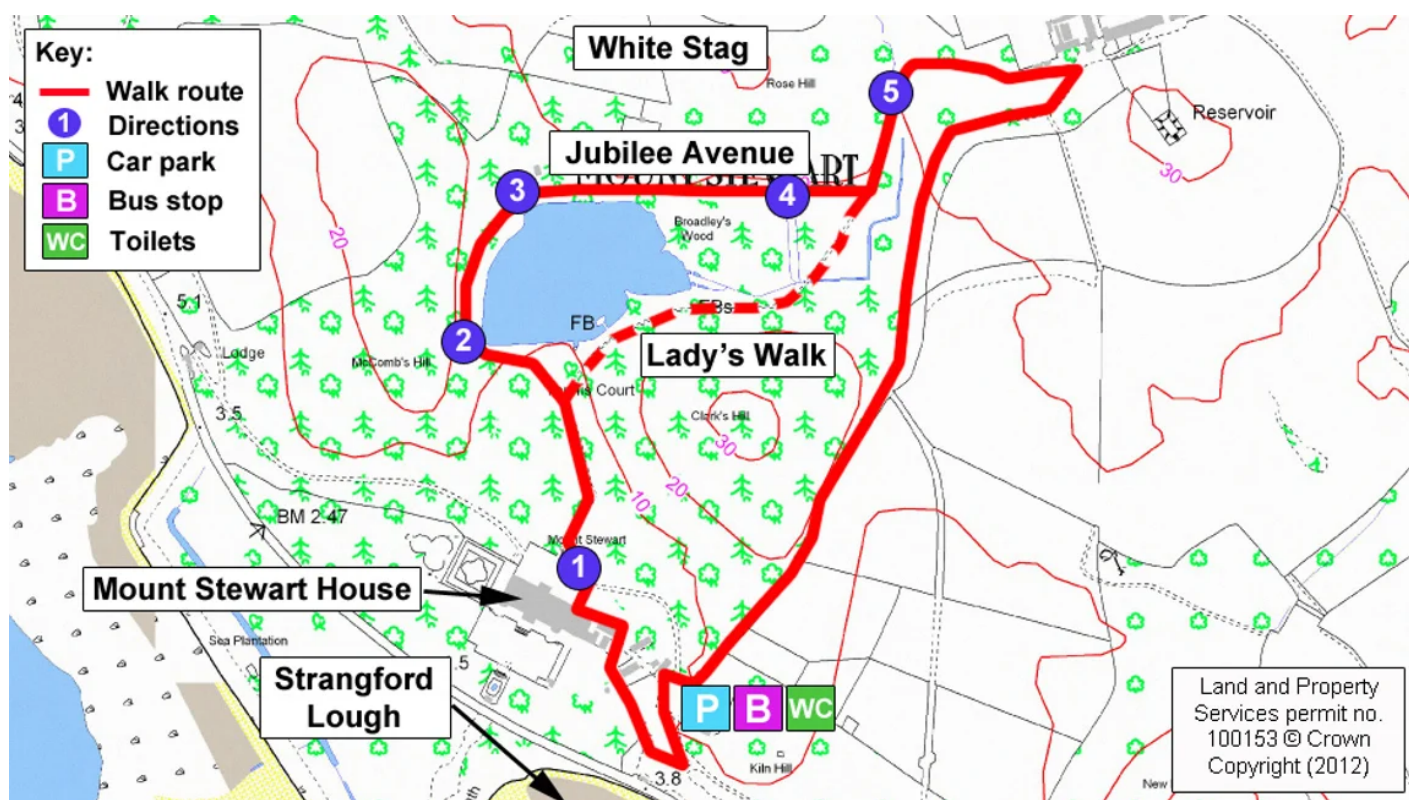
NORTHERN IRELAND

## Mount Stewart winter walk

Treat yourself to a gentle winter stroll around the world-class gardens and lake at Mount Stewart. On this circular route you'll discover Celtic features from the white stag guarding the family's burial ground, to the Irish harp in the Shamrock Garden. Along the way enjoy unique views of the house and the large variety of flora and fauna reflecting the changing seasons.

### Tea-room

Why not end your walk with a visit to the cosy tea-room at Mount Stewart? Warm your cockles with a variety of delicious locally sourced food, hot drinks and snacks.



### Information

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

OS map: NI Discoverer Map 21

Activity: Walking

Easy: Easy to moderate walking conditions on pathways and lawn.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 2.0 (km: 3.2)

Access: Easy

Duration: 45 mins

### Terrain

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

### Total steps: 5

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

1. Starting your walk from the main reception area at Mount Stewart, make your way round to the north front of the mansion. Join the wide gravelled path, which meanders left towards the lake.
2. After passing a little wooden jetty you will come to a bank with a seat set into the wall. Over to the left you can spot the south facing bank, Tir nan Òg, meaning Land of the Ever Young in Scots Gaelic.
3. On reaching the bottom of the hill you can either follow the Rock Walk or the gravel walk alongside Jubilee Avenue, where you can spot the statue of the White Stag.
4. Crossing the little stone bridge over the stream brings you to Lady's Walk. Following this track will shorten your walk and set you on the path back to the mansion house (please note, for the full walk route please skip this section and go to direction 5 below). Lady's Walk eventually rejoins with the gravelled path that takes you back to the mansion house where you began your walk.
5. Alternatively, walk past the bridge and Lady's Walk and continue forward from Jubilee Avenue onto Rhododendron Hill, which rises up to the left. There are several paths here which take you through swathes of flowers (in the warmer months) and tree-lined tracks. Follow these round until you get a good view of house before the path descends steeply to the stone vase, north lawns and eventually back to the mansion house.

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

