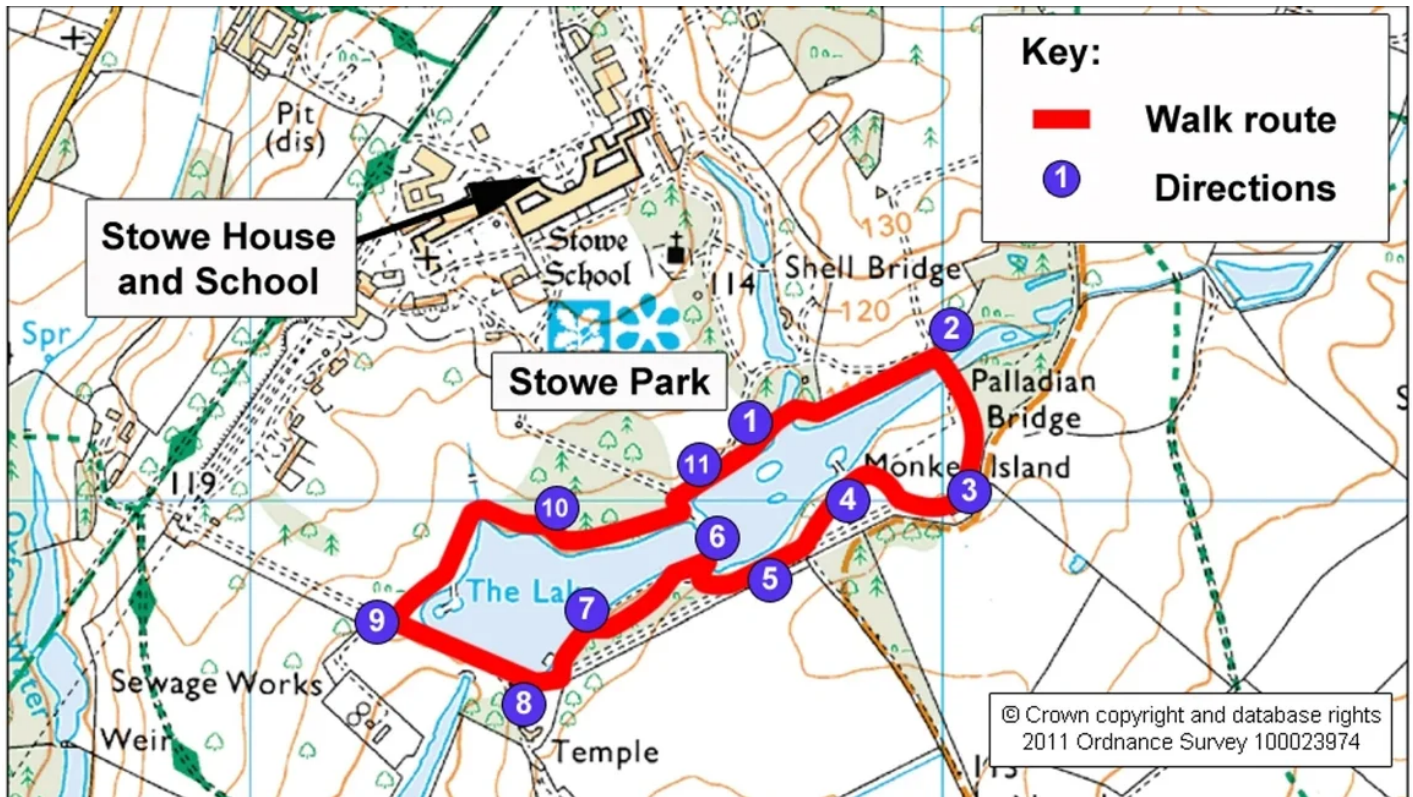


OXFORDSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & BERKSHIRE

Lakeside walk at Stowe Gardens

Enjoy a peaceful walk around the lakes at Stowe Gardens, discovering ornate temples and spotting wildlife. Admire the intricate mosaic designs in the Pebble Alcove and play with the echoes inside the Hermitage.



Information

Address: Stowe, Landscape Garden and Park,
Buckinghamshire, MK18 5EQ

OS map: Explorer 192

Activity: Walking

Easy: Gravel paths with some gates. For further details,
please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs on leads welcome.

Full trail: Miles: 1.2 (km: 1.92)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

Gravelled paths and gates with recently upgraded paths
through the wooded area that allow pushchair and
wheelchair access.

Total steps: 11

Start point: Stowe's wooden bridge, grid ref: SP677372

1. Start your walk at Stowe's wooden bridge.
2. Walk over the wooden bridge along the edge of the lake towards the Palladian Bridge.
3. Once you've crossed over the Palladian Bridge and enjoyed views in between its pillars, carry on straight ahead towards the ruin of the Temple of Friendship.
4. Follow the path along past the Temple of Friendship, and then take the right fork back to the lakeside. This will bring you to the Pebble Alcove.
5. Continue along the lake's edge until you come out into the open once more, where you'll see one of the best views at Stowe.
6. For a quick diversion, walk down between the two lakes to the Cascade.
7. Come back to your path and continue on to the next lake until you reach a small temple, called the Hermitage.
8. After this, take the path towards the Temple of Venus.
9. Now follow the path so that you walk along the bottom side of the lake towards point 9, where you will turn again to keep on the lakeside path.
10. Continue to hug the lake along the path as you go back into a wooded area. This has recently been upgraded so that pushchairs and wheelchairs can use the path.
11. Now follow the lakeside path back to the wooden bridge.

End point: Stowe's wooden bridge, grid ref: SP677372