

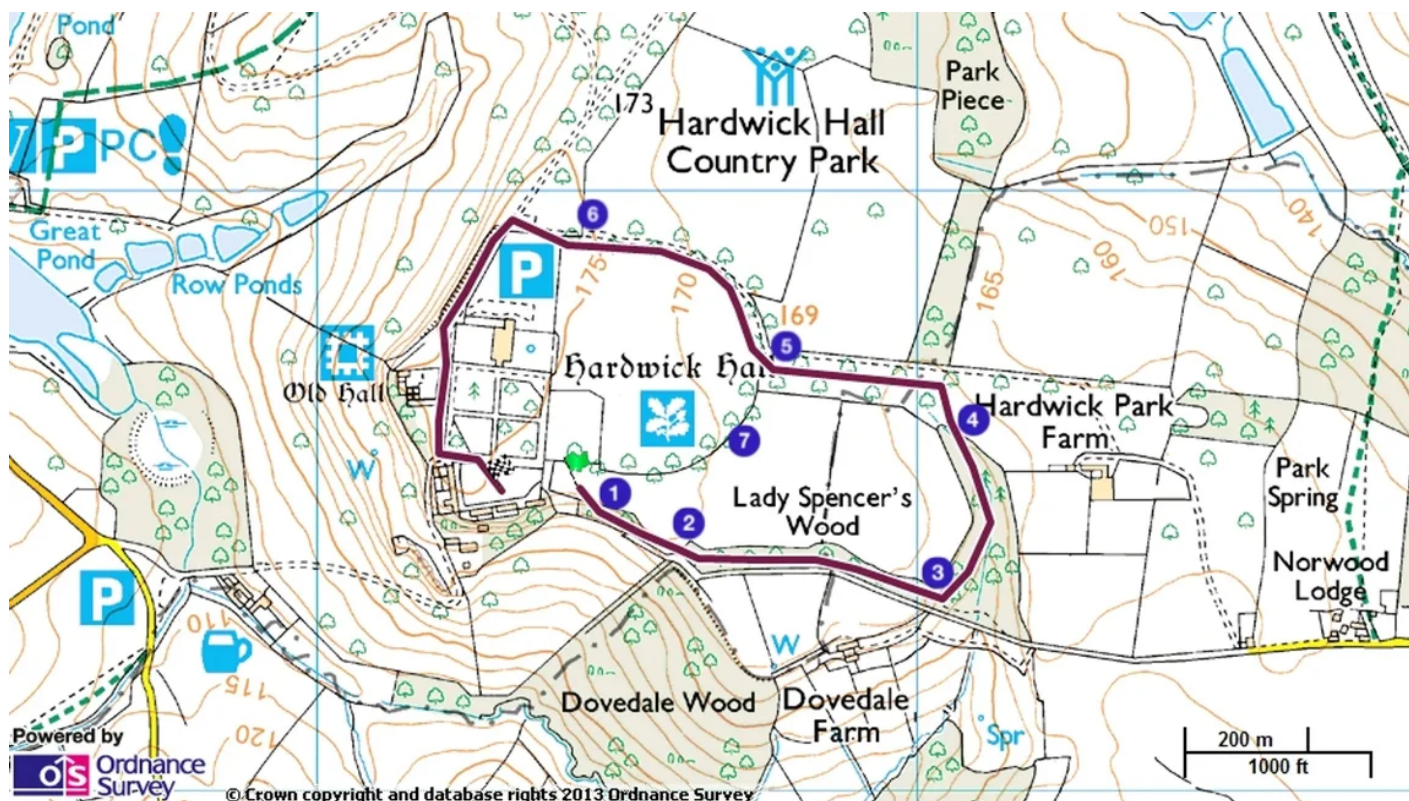
THE PEAK DISTRICT & DERBYSHIRE

## A gentle walk around Hardwick

A very pleasant short walk in the Upper Park at Hardwick, taking in the atmospheric woodland and ancient park.

### ! Please note

Admission fees apply for access to the gardens and stableyard areas. Please buy your tickets from the visitor centre before you start the walk.



### Information

Address: Doe Lea, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ.

OS map: 120

Activity: Walking

Easy: On woodland paths with some steps. For further details, please see Facilities section.

Dog friendly: Please keep dogs on leads near livestock.

Full trail: Miles: 1.5 (km: 2.4)

Short trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 45 mins - 1 hour

### Terrain

The route is on woodland paths and includes steps and grassland. Some areas likely to be muddy after rain.

### Total steps: 7

Start point: Hardwick visitor reception, grid reference: SK463638.

1. Start at the Visitor reception (make sure you get your Stableyard and Gardens ticket first), take the path into Lady Spencer's Wood.
2. Follow the path through the wood and carry straight on at the gate into the car park.
3. Walk down the steps, turning left approximately 3 steps from the bottom and follow the path until you come to a gate.
4. Through the gate, bear slightly left and walk across the grass towards the trees. When you are between the two avenues of trees, turn left towards the hall and enjoy the view.
5. Walk towards the hall until you meet the access road. From here you have a choice of two routes. Continue to step 6 for the longer route and skip to step 7 for the shorter one.
6. The longer route is approximately 1.2 miles further. Turn right and follow the road round to the T-junction. Turn left and follow the stone wall that surrounds the gardens and hall. Pass the old hall on your right and follow the road as it curves to the right down the hill. Turn left through the fence and along the field bearing left. This will bring you out onto Lady Spencer's walk, turn left to return to the Stableyard.
7. For a shorter return, turn left and follow the road back to the car park (1 mile).

End point: Hardwick visitor reception, grid reference: SK463638.