

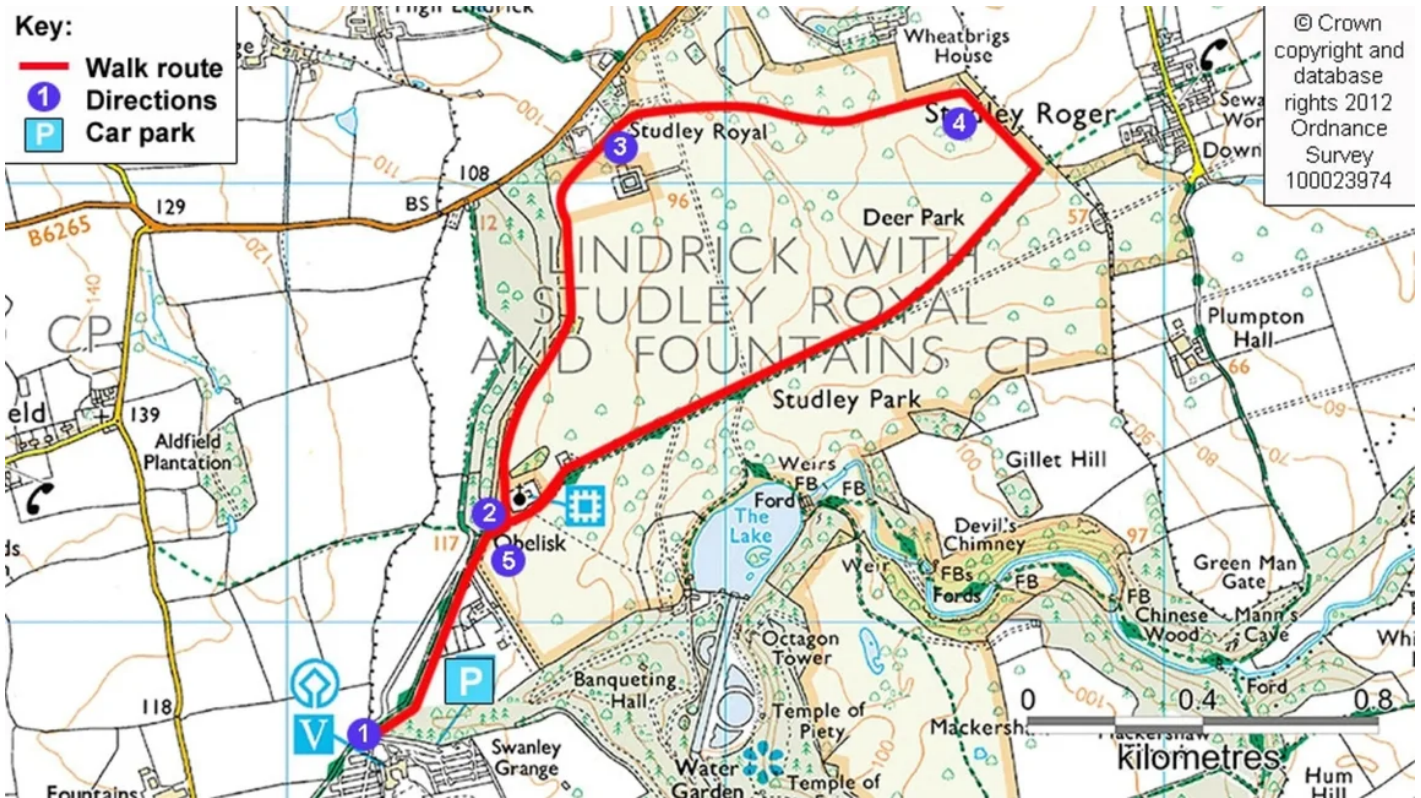
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Studley Royal deer park walk

Our deer ranger has picked this walk as one of his favourites within the Studley Royal deer park in Ripon, North Yorkshire. As you follow the circular route, look out for some of the 300 wild deer that live there.

Annual mating season

Please take extra care during the months of October and November when the annual mating season – deer rut – takes place. Ensure you keep your distance and have dogs on a short lead at all times.



Information

Address: Fountains Abbey visitor centre, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 3DY.

OS map: Explorer 299

Activity: Walking

Moderate: A moderate walk along mostly flat footpaths through parkland. For further details, please see section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Responsible dog owners welcome, please keep dogs on a short lead and 'scoop their poop.'

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

This walk follows bridleways and footpaths through parkland. The terrain is fairly easy walking and mostly flat. Walking boots are recommended. Dogs are welcome, please have them on a short lead at all times.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Fountains Abbey Visitor Centre, grid ref: SE272687

1. From the visitor centre car park head for the mini roundabout and turn right along the bridle path, which runs alongside the estate drive towards St Mary's Church. Turn right through a gate, looking out for the Obelisk, and walk along the tarmac drive until you reach the church.
2. Just before reaching the church turn left onto a mown path in the grass and follow the boundary wall until you reach the grand stable block of Studley Royal House, now a private residence.
3. Walk past the house and turn right, walking along with the house on your right until you reach a tarmac drive. Cross over the drive and head down the slope, looking out for a stone bridge. Cross the bridge and follow a line of oak trees, passing the old head gardener's house and cottages that once belonged to estate workers.
4. Turn right along the boundary wall and continue along until you reach the public right of way marker. Turn right here and follow the path back up through the deer park alongside the estate drive. The track will take you back to pass in front of St Mary's Church.
5. Pass through the gate and turn left, retracing your steps for the final part of the walk towards the visitor centre.

End point: Fountains Abbey visitor centre, grid ref: SE272687