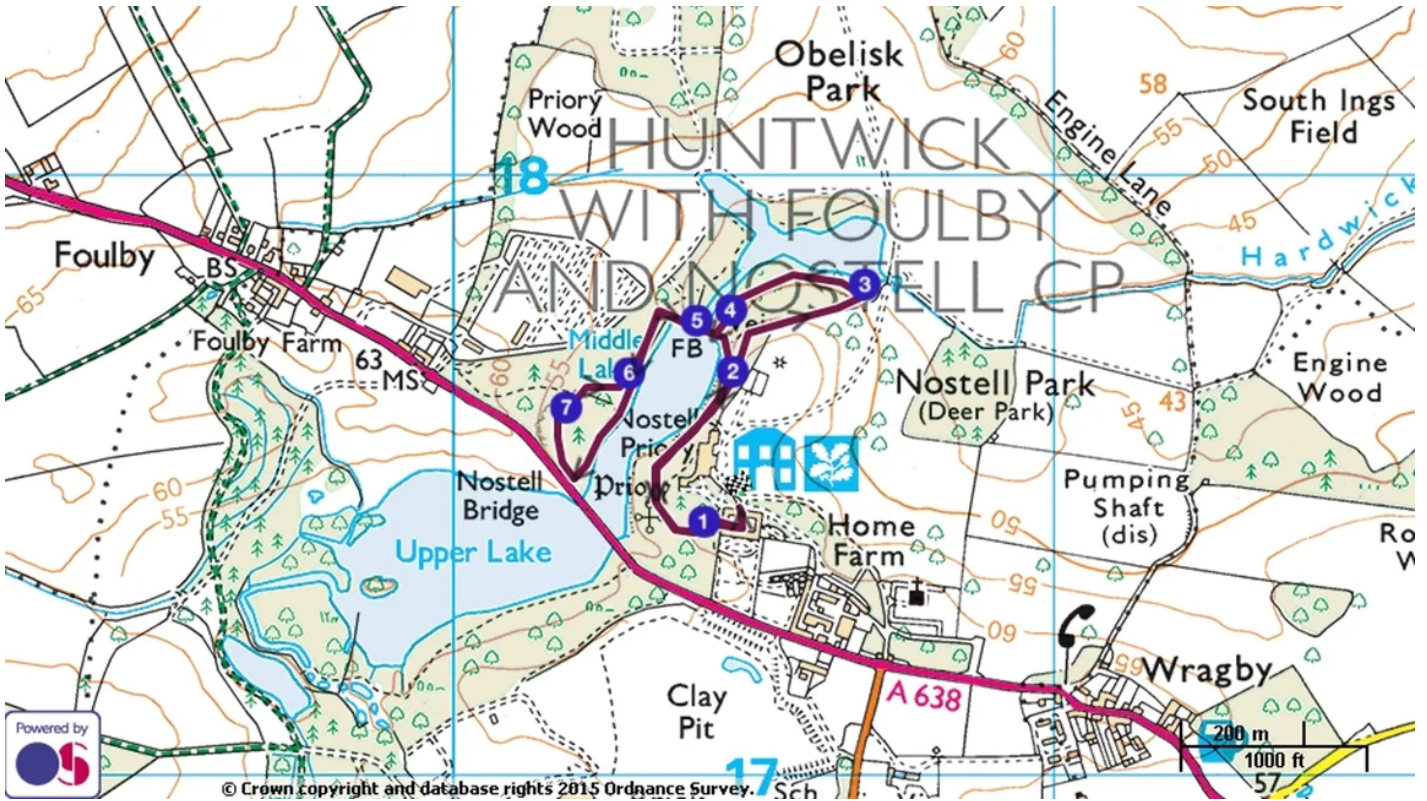


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Menagerie Garden walk at Nostell

Enjoy some peace and tranquility as you traverse the pretty lakeside paths that meander through the Nostell estate. Along the way, discover the enchanting Menagerie Garden with its pond full of newts.



Information

Address: Nostell and Parkland, Doncaster Road,
Wakefield, Yorkshire WF4 1QE

OS map: Explorer 298

Activity: Walking

Easy: This route is made up of even paths with no steep slopes. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Not suitable for dogs: Only assistance dogs are allowed in the garden at Nostell.

Full trail: Miles: 1.4 (km: 2.24)

Access: Easy

Duration: 45 mins

Terrain

This route runs along a fully accessible footpath that features only minor gradients. There is also a footbridge to cross.

Total steps: 8

Start point: Stable Courtyard, Nostell. Grid ref: SE404174

1. Follow the footpath opposite the garden entrance, signposted 'Lakeside walks'. This path will lead you towards the back of the house. On the way, look out for views over the lake towards the Menagerie Garden.
2. Go through the small gateway and follow the footpath on the right. Look out for the gravestone marking the final resting place of Barny, one of the Winns' dogs. At the bottom of the slope, follow the path to the right, into the Pleasure Gardens.
3. As you meander through the Pleasure Gardens, enjoy views of the sparkling Lower Lake. Continue down the slope until you reach the lake at the bottom.
4. Continue along the footpath, passing Druids Bridge. Glance back for a view of the Obelisk, then scale the steps. (To avoid the steps, branch left away from the lake, then keep right until you see the Middle Lake.)
5. At the top of the steps, you'll see the Middle Lake. Turn right and go over Swiss Bridge to continue your lakeside walk.
6. At the fork in the path, take the left-hand route that runs alongside the lake towards the large cedar tree. You'll eventually come to the Gothic Arch, the entrance to the Menagerie Garden.
7. Through the magnolia trees and beyond the colourful acers, you'll find the Menagerie House, built as a keeper's house. Hidden in the trees behind is an ice house, where ice was stored once it had been collected from the lake. The ice house is now unstable and therefore not safe to enter.
8. Leaving the Menagerie Garden, you'll pass by the dell. From here, return to the lakeside path and head back, passing golden hazel and cut leaf beech trees. Retrace your steps over the Swiss Bridge, then turn right up the hill and back to the courtyard.

End point: Stable Courtyard, Nostell. Grid ref: SE404174
