

Stowe Park – walk around outer boundary

Directions from Stratford Road layby

Drive into town & to the roundabout in front of Town Hall
Turn right onto Brackley Road
Take 2nd left up Stowe Avenue (signposted Stowe)
Follow road until just before entrance to Stowe & turn right into Chackmore
Car park is on immediate left – it is small so cars may need to double park.

Eating is at the Queen's Head, further up the road from the car park
(tel 01280 813004 www.queensheadchackmore.co.uk)
This is not open for the start of the walk.

Walk

National Trust membership is not needed for walk but see note at end.

Length of walk – approx 5.5 miles. 3 hours

3 stiles, mostly filed paths, estate drives & stretches of road.

(Note, map 1 is old so it shows the old National Trust entrance & café.)

Map 1, point 1 – Walk past Queen's Head & through village. At speed derestriction signs keep ahead for a few paces & look for path on left.

Aim diagonally right in field, under power lines. Make for stile beneath oak tree branches where way marks indicate that the path forks.

Point 2 – Cross field towards 2 stiles, making for one on left. Beyond is plank bridge.

Keep to right boundary of elongated field & when it widens go diagonally right to far corner.

Stowe Castle is on right & to left outline of Corinthian Arch is visible among trees.

Through gate join path, pass under telegraph wires, look for gap & waymark. Walk ahead & descend to footbridge.

Point 3 – Over stream & through gate go into field & head up slope, keeping left of 2 distant houses.

Head for single storey building in top corner & as climbing slope outline of Gothic Temple comes into view.

Go through gate by lodge at Lamport & continue ahead on bridleway. Pass through gate & keep ahead towards obelisk monument commmerating the Duke of Buckingham.

Merge with path and keep sports ground on right.

Point 4 – Make for gate leading out left of avenue of trees (running down towards Grecian Valley). Cross & follow track on right of Ha-ha.

At Roman road (straight road going down towards Stowe school) turn left and then right through gate & head to General Wolfe's obelisk. (Note – directions are now on 2nd map)

Walk past obelisk & down hill to hedge and stream, turn left and follow path to lake.

At lake bear left, keeping hedge on right. (There is an old house on the right with a walled garden.) Keep following track up hill then down to a track that runs left/right.

Turn right on path & walk towards Home Farm.

At farm turn left onto farm track & follow until join Roman road. Stowe school is to the left/in front.

Turn right and follow road past security point & to the Boycott Pavilions.

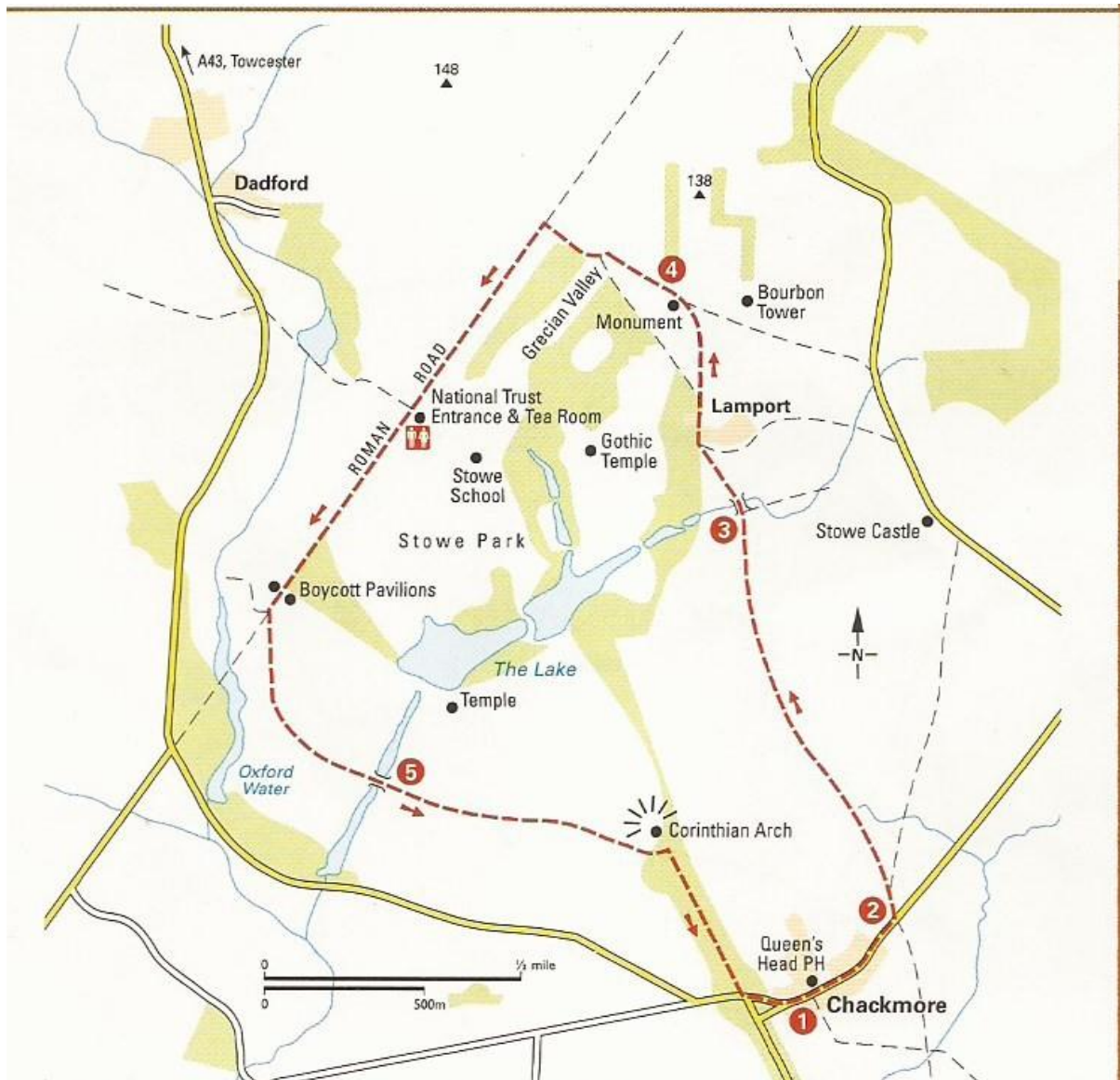
At Pavilions, branch left along track to stile by cattle grid & sign to Corinthian Arch. (ahead is Oxford water, crossed by 18th century bridge).

Point 5 – follow track through park. This eventually leads to Corinthian Arch. (Note – directions are now on 1st map.) Turn right down Stowe Avenue, through gate and turn left into Chackmore.

Note

Walk was designed to start in Chackmore & use the Queen's Head in Chackmore for lunch. This pub is currently closed so route can be amended so that it starts in the National Trust car park at Stowe. Walk would then be down Stowe Avenue to Chackmore & then as above. Walk would end at Corinthian Arch & into the New Inn for food. Has advantage that toilets are available at start of walk, but if not National Trust members then car park has to be paid for. NT membership is not needed for using New Inn.

Map 1



Map 2

