



HYLANDS  
ESTATE

# HYLANDS ESTATE WALKS

Explore Hylands Estate following five scenic walks, ranging from a 30 minute stroll to a four mile leisurely hike.

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# Group Visit Packages

Discover 300 years of Hylands history with an exclusive group tour, delicious refreshments in the Terrace Room, and time to explore our artist studios and grounds.

Perfect for coach groups and societies.

**Just £30pp | Min. 30 guests**



Every group visit booking includes a donation to the Friends of Hylands House.

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## A Guide to walking around Hylands Estate

We want to make sure everyone can enjoy a walk around our estate, whether you're here for a gentle stroll or a bigger excursion.

On the next set of pages, you will find two maps of Hylands Park.

- Pages 4 & 5 are the walking routes with estimated distances and timings
- Pages 6 & 7 shows our species rich grassland areas where you will find longer grass and wildflowers in the spring and summer months.

The full details of each walk is found further on in this brochure.

So you can choose a walk that's right for you, here are some of our top tips for exploring Hylands Estate:

### The Deli

Our onsite cafe at The Stables is open from 8am every day, closing at 4pm (autumn/winter) or 5pm (spring/summer). The Deli Doghouse along the side of The Stables is the ideal outdoor seating area if you are bringing your dog along.

The Deli has a new seating area for up to 18 people which can be reserved in advance. If you are a group and wish to use a private area for your pitstop, email [hylandsorders@thedeli.co.uk](mailto:hylandsorders@thedeli.co.uk)

### Parking

There are car parks at each entrance to Hylands Estate as well as our central car park in the centre near The Stables.

Parking charges apply between 9am and 6pm. If you are a Chelmsford resident you will be entitled to a discount via the MiPermit app.



Scan the QR code to visit the Chelmsford City Council website for more information about our car parks

Visit [chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/car-parks/hylands-car-parks/](https://chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/car-parks/hylands-car-parks/)

### Accessibility

- Some of our walks are very long and not on hard standing paths making them not suitable for wheelchair users or those who require seats often. There is a slight slope on our Serpentine and Repton walks.
- Most of our walks are far from refreshments, which can only be found at The Stables or near the Adventure Castle playground. Make sure you are prepared with food and drink, suitable clothing and footwear, and a way of contacting someone if you are on your own.
- A Changing Place unit is nearby the Adventure Castle playground at the Writtle end of the park. Visit the Chelmsford City Council website to apply for a key to access this facility.

The best walk for everyone is our Pleasure Gardens Walk, which is hard standing and nearby facilities including an accessible toilet.

A copy of this brochure with audio description can be found on our website. There is also a large print copy available from our Info Point.



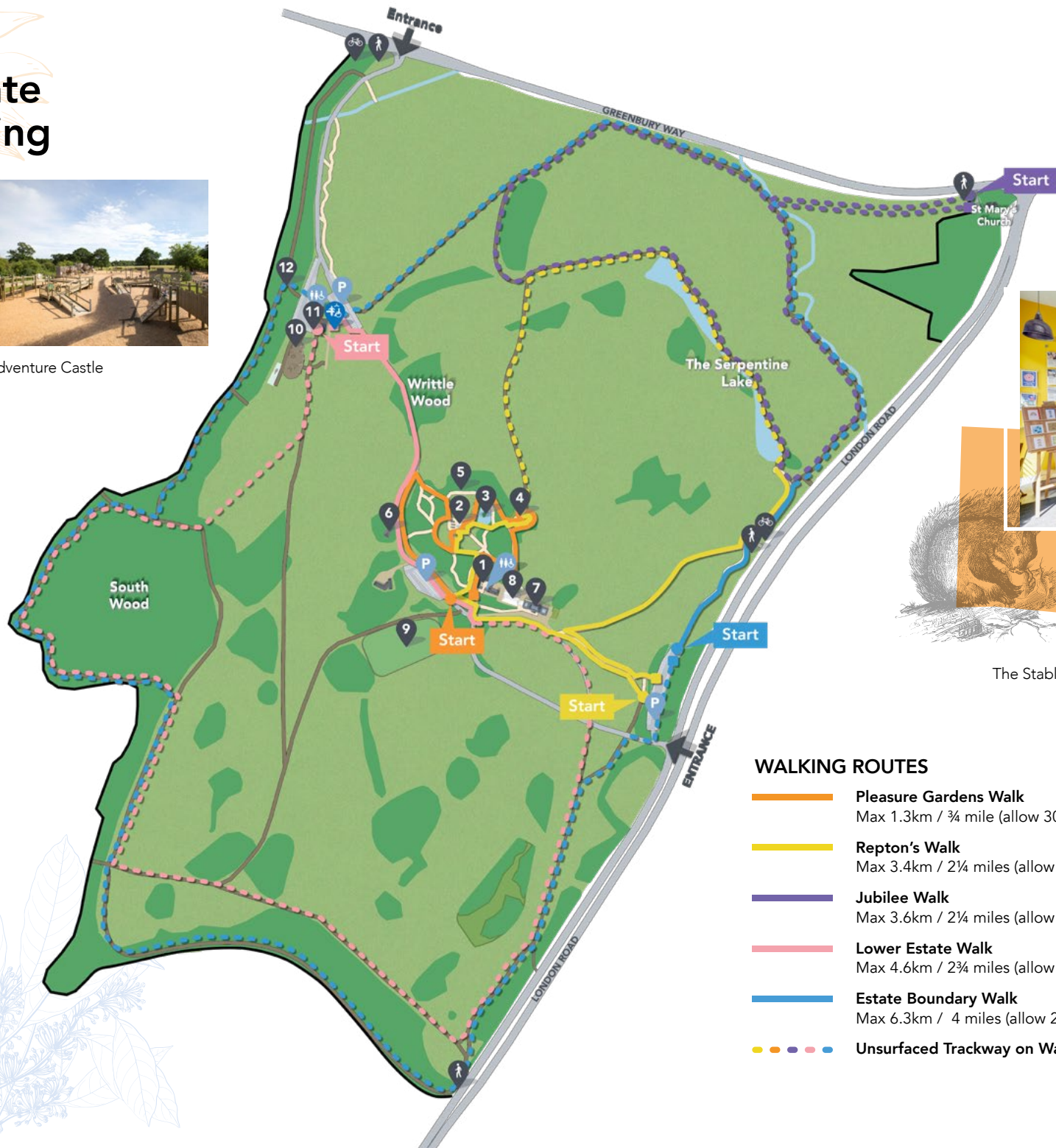
# Hylands Estate Map & Walking Routes



Adventure Castle

## KEY

- 1 The Stables**  
Artist Studios  
The Stables Café  
Bookshop
- i** Information Point
- 2 The Pleasure Gardens**
- 3** Duck Pond
- 4** One World Garden
- 5** Hanbury Memorial Garden
- 6** Flint Cottage
- 7 Hylands House**
- 8** Grand Pavilion
- 9** Paddock
- 10 Adventure Castle**
- 11** Castle Kiosk
- 12** GoApe
- ♿** Toilets (accessible)
- P** Parking
- 🚶** Pedestrian Entrance
- 🚲** Bicycle Entrance
- ♿** Changing Places Facilities



The Stables & Artist Studios

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- Repton's Walk**  
Max 3.4km / 2¼ miles (allow 1hr)
- Jubilee Walk**  
Max 3.6km / 2¼ miles (allow 1hr 20mins)
- Lower Estate Walk**  
Max 4.6km / 2¾ miles (allow 1hr 45mins)
- Estate Boundary Walk**  
Max 6.3km / 4 miles (allow 2hrs 30mins)
- Unsurfaced Trackway on Walk**

# Species Rich Grassland Areas

To support wildlife and local ecology across the estate, these areas will be maintained as grass species rich hay meadows during spring and summer.

Some shorter-mown walking routes will be maintained through these areas. Where the meadow areas are maintained as hay meadows the wildflowers and grasses will be longer to walk through and may not be suitable for dogs.

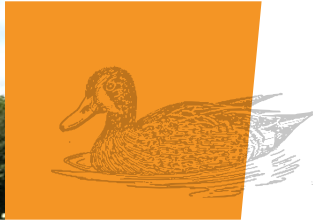
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## Pleasure Garden Walk

01. With back to The Stables walk out towards parkland
02. Turn right at the signage post, walking towards Flint Cottage passing car park and Home Farm on left
03. At the next signage post turn right and enter Pleasure Gardens via path on left
04. At information board, turn right keeping flower beds on your left and Laurel hedge on right
05. Turn left up avenue of clipped Yew, past Repton's Basket and turn right at pond towards large Wellingtonia tree keeping duck pond on your right
06. Turn right along lower path. Head towards One World Garden Pavilion (1m wide entrance)
07. With rill on left, head towards the Calm Pool
08. Return to then Pavilion and leave garden turning left towards House
09. Walk along paved terrace, turning right into East Terrace
10. Turn right across the front of the House and return to The Stables access to the A414 turn left and join gravel track towards the House

## Repton's Walk

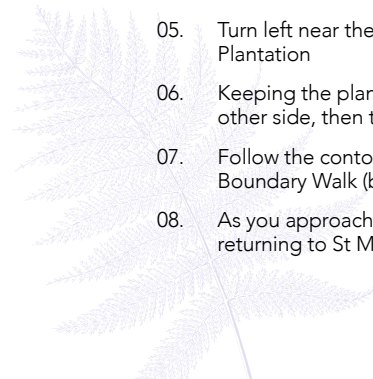


01. From London Road car park walk along gravel path towards the front of Hylands House
02. Head for The Stables
03. Pass the Stables, following the signage post to the Pleasure Gardens
04. With the Oak pergola ahead, turn left and walk between clipped Yew avenue, passing Repton's Basket
05. Head towards steps down to duck pond. Walk up other side and turn left
06. As the path forks, bear right and enter One World Garden
07. With rill on left walk towards Totem Pole passing under two arbours and through the 'Tree of Life' gate
08. At iron railings head towards dead tree, then towards dip in landscape, passing gap in the tree line
09. Head towards Swan Pond Plantation, keeping plantation on your left, turn right towards corner of Serpentine Lake
10. Follow the contour of the lake, walk around end and join path towards Repton's Gate via information board
11. At path crossroads turn right onto Repton's Approach, and then head back towards the London Road car park

\*For a more challenging walk, combine Repton's Walk and Lower Estate Walk

## Jubilee Walk

01. From wooden kissing gate next to St Mary's Church, walk down towards bridge and cross River Wid
02. Turn right following the river
03. Pass the wooden gate and turn left onto the concrete road, keeping the A414 on your right
04. Passing the wooden five bar double gate, turn left at iron railings and skirt around Jubilee Wood Plantation
05. Turn left near the wooden five bar gate and head towards Swan Pond Plantation
06. Keeping the plantation on your left, walk to the end and turn left up the other side, then turn right towards Serpentine Lake
07. Follow the contour of the lake to the end, bearing left to join Estate Boundary Walk (blue route)
08. As you approach the River Wid, bear left and walk along the river bank returning to St Mary's Church via bridge





## Lower Estate Walk

01. At start next to Writtle Road car park toilets pass a five bar wooden gate to enter Roman Walk
02. Pass Adventure Castle play area and walk diagonally across field towards South Wood
03. Continue along wide track for approximately 25m and turn right into South Wood
04. Where the path meets the Estate Boundary Walk (blue route) continue straight on
05. Pass the farm land on your right and turn left
06. Cross a narrow wooden footbridge and then another footbridge, approximately 170m away
07. Cross third footbridge
08. Enter wood, passing fence and farmland on right-hand side.
09. Continue through wood until you reach treelined gravel track.
10. Turn left along track.
11. Leave the track as it bends left and walk across grass towards gap in trees
12. Continue with the tree belt on right
13. As you approach the wooden pedestrian access to the A414 turn left and join gravel track towards the House



## Estate Boundary Walk

01. At the northern end of the London Road car park, head towards Repton's Gate and then Serpentine Lake
02. As the path bends left, continue straight on towards the River Wid
03. As you approach the river, bear left and continue along the bank, passing the Plantation and bridge
04. Pass the wooden gate and turn left onto the concrete road, keeping the A414 on your right
05. Pass the wooden five bar double gate, then turn left at iron railings and skirt around Jubilee Wood Plantation
06. Turn left near the five-bar wooden gate and head towards Swan Pond Plantation
07. Walk the length of the plantation and bear right, passing Shakestone's Plantation, towards the green flag at Writtle Road car park
08. Cross the car park passing through two sets of double gates, then head towards "Go Ape" at the entrance to wood
09. Enter the woods (Go Ape course is above you), turn left and then follow the path straight on
10. Cross over the wooden bridge
11. Turn right where the path meets the Lower Estate Walk (pink route)
12. Pass the farm land on your right and turn left
13. Cross a narrow wooden footbridge and then another, approx. 170m on
14. Cross the third footbridge and bear right passing farmland on your right
15. Enter wood, passing fence and farmland on your right
16. Cross the gravel track and follow the tree belt on right, down to right hand corner of field
17. Following the path, keep the ditch and stream on your right
18. As you approach the wooden pedestrian access to A414 turn left and join gravel track towards Hylands House
19. Leave the gravel track to walk past the former walled kitchen garden returning to London Road car park





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