



- Brief Description: Founded in 1132, Fountains Abbey is set in 650 acres of formal garden and deer park. This World Heritage Site offers an estate circuit of up to 3.5 miles (6.5km). The tarmac roads in Studley Royal Deer Park are suitable for cycling but they are also used by motorists.
- Access and Facilities: Accessible Toilets, Ample Blue Badge Parking, Braille Guides, Changing Places Toilet (at Visitor Centre), Wheelchair and Mobility Scooters available for hire, booking is essential; call 01765 608888 for reservations.
- Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Hide, Cafés, Church,
 Deer Park, Events, Follies, Fountains Abbey, Hall, Ornamental
 Gardens, Picnic Areas, Refreshments, Shop, Viewpoints,
 Visitor Centre, Water Gardens, Water Mill, Wildlife.
- Public Transport: The 139 bus operates a daily service from Ripon Bus Station to Fountains Abbey Visitor Centre.

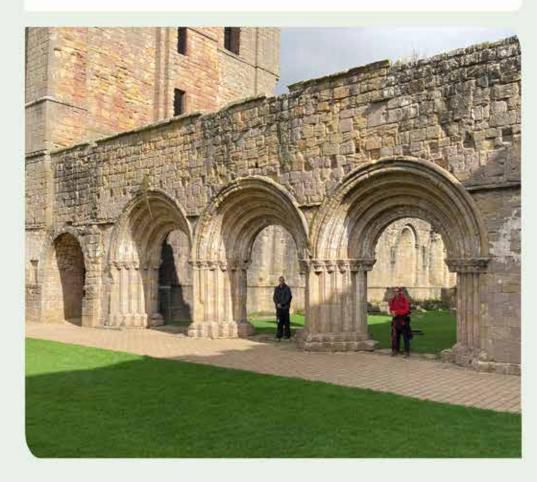
Location: The Visitor Centre is situated 3 miles (5km) west of Ripon off the B6265 on Abbey Road, HG4 3DY.

What3Words: fries.coach.acoustics.

Additional Blue Badge parking and level access to the Abbey grounds can be found at West Gate Car Park on Fountains Lane, HG4 3EA. What3Words: lifelong.fashion.spurted.

Blue Badge parking is also available at Studley Royal Deer Park, accessed via Studley Roger on Studley Lane, HG4 3DY. (Charges still apply) What3Words: lecturing.mandolin.tight.

There is an admission charge to access the Abbey grounds. There is no charge for National Trust Members or carers.

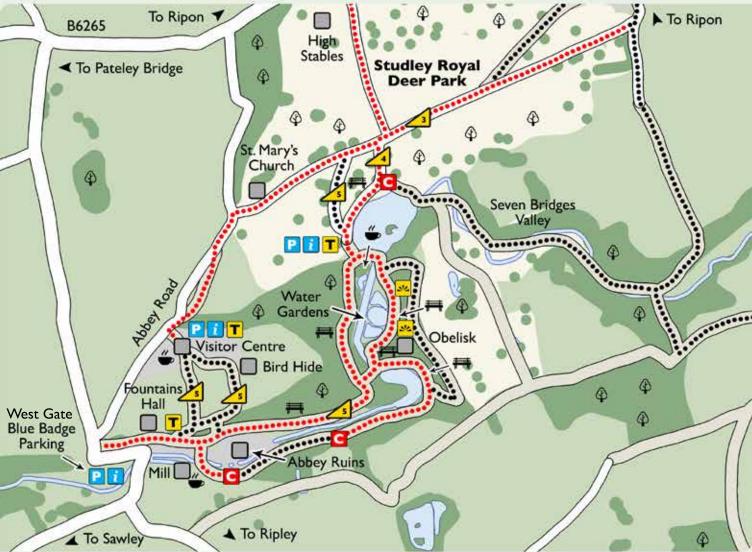


Paths are tarmac, with a few gradients. Roads through the Deer Park are also used by vehicles.

There is easy access from the West Gate to areas from which the abbey can be viewed.

The abbey is approached via 180m (200 yards), of level grass and may be toured using a wheelchair.





Safety Notes: Due to the steep gradient down from the visitor centre, the National Trust (NT) advises wheelchair users to enter the estate from the West Gate. Alternatively, a free accessible minibus service runs from the visitor centre to the valley floor. (See timetable at admissions desk). The symbols on the map represent pathways the NT advise wheelchair users not to use.

The path from the visitor centre is unsuitable for any self drive vehicle. 3 wheeled vehicles are not allowed on the estate.



TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

Suggested Route
Alternative Route

Slope/Hill (Level)

Linked Trail

♂ Suitable for Cycling

All-Terrain Chair Route

Trail Start Point

Parking

information Board

Bus Stop

T Accessible Toilet

Accessible Fishing Platforms

Accessible Gate
(Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters)

Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs

Caution

Viewpoint

Motorcycle Barrier

Speed Humps

5 Steps (and how many)

🖐 Café

Public House

₩ Bench/Seat

🕂 Picnic Area

Playground

Cattle Grid

Trees/Wood

Lake/Pond

Landmark Building Each card has a letter & number (for example A3) in the top right hand corner. It describes the **surface** and **slope** of the **most difficult** parts of the main route. With the map and text, this will help you to decide whether to do the whole route or just the easier sections. The bicycle symbol indicates all or part of the route is suitable for cycling.

Surface Quality (in dry weather)

A - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)

B - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)

C - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)

D - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

- Gentle (up to 1:20)

- Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)

3 - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)

- Steep (up to 1:8)

- Very Steep (over 1:8)

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