Follow one of these circular walks to explore the historic parkland of the Hardwick Estate, or use the map to create your own route.

The green route will take you around Miller’s Pond which is accessible to all. You can continue in a figure of eight around Great Pond, although this route does become uneven and crosses a field which can be muddy. As you walk through the historic Duck Decoy you may see the rare and elusive water vole and kingfisher in this area.

The blue route will take you up to the Old and New Halls and out towards the Rowthorne Gate. This route has some steep slopes and can be muddy in wet weather, but the glimpse of a green woodpecker and the view from the top will make it worthwhile. Look out for medieval ridge and furrow ploughing patterns on the way up to the Hall and the Platoon along the drive, planted in the 19th century.

The red route is ideal for the more adventurous walker and takes in Lady Spencer’s Wood and other areas of historic woodland where a display of woodland flowers can be seen in spring. This route offers great views of the Hall from the historic Wineglass, an ideal place to see brown hares. Many veteran trees can be seen along this route along with hundreds of young trees planted as part of our landscape restoration plan.

What else can I do at Hardwick?

Hardwick Park Centre is a great place to start your visit. The centre has a Welcome Room and toilets and a range of family trails and maps can be picked up here.

Hardwick Hall is one of the greatest Elizabethan houses in the country. You can experience dramatic interiors and spectacular architecture as well as finding out more about the remarkable woman, Bess of Hardwick who built the Hall and shaped the parkland. While you are there, why not take the time to explore the Gardens and see the recreated Tudor Herb Garden.

At the Stone Centre visitors can find out more about the story of stone and stonemasonry at Hardwick.

Stainsby Mill is a fully operational watermill and visitors can experience flour being milled at certain times.

Hardwick Park Farm Shop sells a range of beef, lamb and pork reared on the Estate.

Please check on site or website for opening times.

Always follow the Countryside Code. Please keep dogs under control and on leads in fields where there is livestock, particularly at lambing time.

Remember, leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but photographs.

Green Travel to Hardwick:

Foot: Rowthorne Trail, Teversal Trail.

Bus: Pronto Bus Service, alight Glapwell, Young Vanish, approx. 2 mile walk. Derbyshire Busline 08706082608

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There are many walks around Hardwick Park which link to other popular walking routes in the local area. There is a permanent orienteering course in place around the Park, a Sculpture Trail and family trails – further information can be obtained from the Park Centre.

Please note that the Stableyard gates are locked at 5pm so an alternative route has been shown for use after this time.