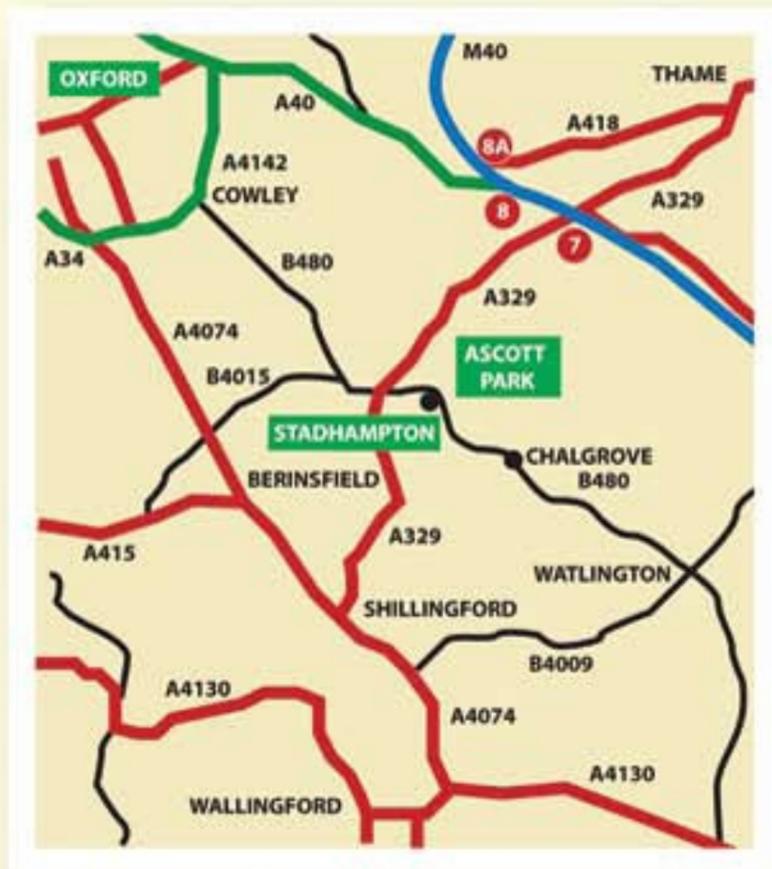


ASCOTT PARK

Stadhampton, Oxfordshire



How to get to Ascott Park by public transport.

No 11

Bus service 101/102 runs hourly
Monday – Saturday between Oxford
(St Aldates) and Watlington
via Stadhampton.

For timetable enquiries call Traveline on
0871 200 22 33 or visit their website
www.traveline.org.uk

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Ascott Park is farmed by a tenant of
Oxfordshire County Council.
Please help him to care for this property by not
leaving litter, lighting fires, or damaging trees or
plants. Please also respect the privacy of the
properties adjoining the park.

Please keep your dogs under control.

Rousham, near Steeple Aston, is the other
Oxfordshire home established by the Dormers.
It is still in the ownership of the same family
and includes the celebrated gardens designed by
William Kent. If you wish to visit Rousham
please see full details on www.rousham.org

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To walk the Historical Trail, follow the directions provided with the maps overleaf.

Ascott Park was once the home of the Dormers, one of the great County families of Oxfordshire. Their Manor House has long since vanished and a grand new house built by William Dormer in 1662 burnt to the ground just as it was finished.

Excavations in 1969 and 2009 sought to find the site of the new house but its exact whereabouts still remain a mystery. You can walk the historical trail and with the help of the information points numbered on the map overleaf, speculate on where the site of the 1662 house might have been. The latest excavations suggest the Dormers may have made a second failed attempt in the eighteenth century to build the house afresh on a new site. In following the trail you can puzzle out what may have happened and why.

You will also see the dovecot associated with the manor house and a garden pavilion possibly later used as a granary and icehouse. These are set in attractive parkland with lime tree avenues and fishponds. The old gatepiers at the end of one of the avenues also survive. These, together with the boundary wall, have been restored by the Oxfordshire County Council, the present day owners of Ascott Park.

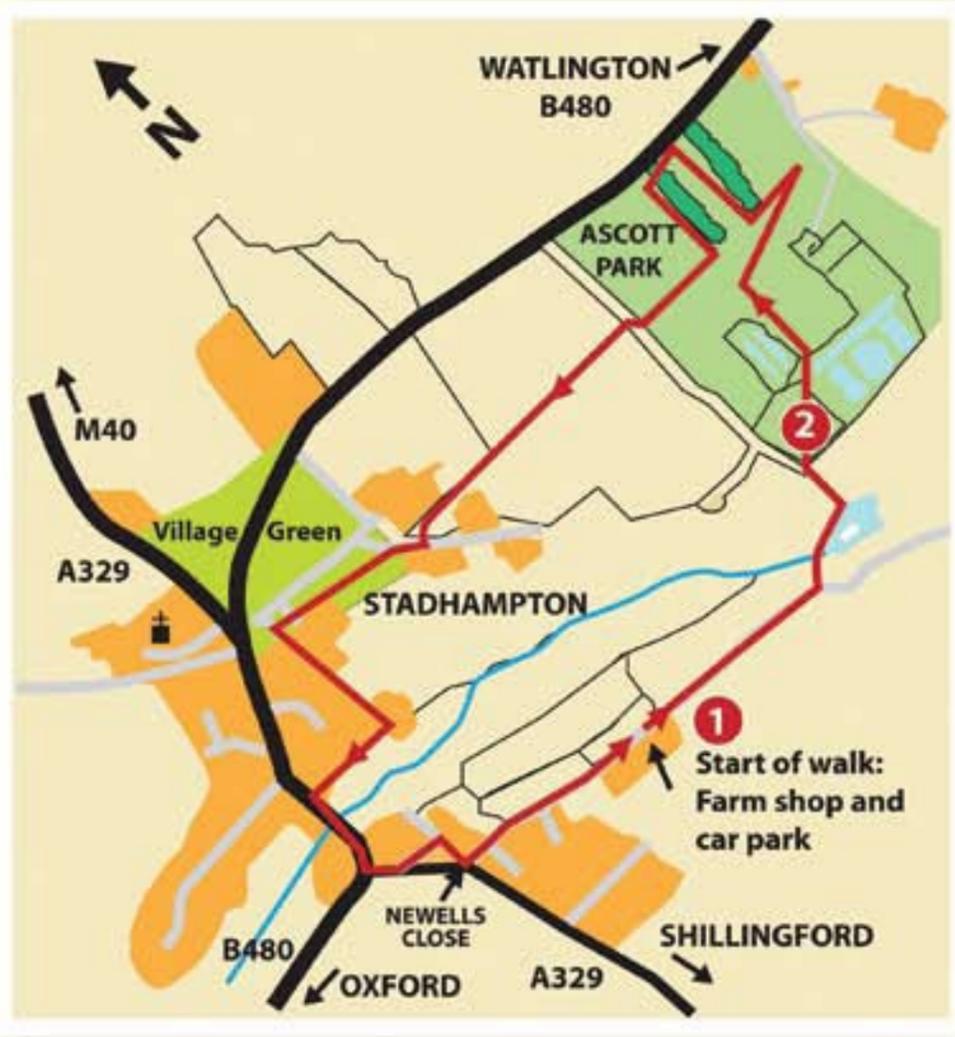


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HISTORICAL TRAIL

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You can start the circular walk along Newells Close, just outside the village of Stadhampton. You may use the Crazy Bear farm shop car park (OX44 7XJ) but please remember the gates close at 6.00pm. Parking on the village green at Stadhampton is not allowed and there is no parking along the narrow lane leading from the B480 to Ascott and the park.

The numbers on the bird's eye view of Ascott Park indicate the information plaques you will find on the trail.

Ascott Park is several minutes away from the start and you can return across a field, copse and the village green to Stadhampton. Total distance is about 2 miles.

There are several places within the village where food and drink can be obtained, including the farm shop. Do take the opportunity to visit the farm shop if you use their car park.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ASCOTT PARK

