

Historic Circular Walk – Llanforda

1.7km easy walk on footpath.  Dog friendly route. Please keep your dogs on a lead.



Route: It is usually possible to park in the layby in the lane.

FROM BACK RACECOURSE LANE, GO THROUGH GATE AND FOLLOW TRACK THROUGH THE PARKLAND

You will see a set of the old gate posts (1) for the horse and carriage which would have taken the owners up to the old mansion house and coach house.

Click the QR code at the gate to discover the detail of the history of Llanforda or find at www.yareal.co.uk

You will walk past a fallen oak tree on your right (2).

Click the QR code to learn how deadwood of the fallen trees encourages the wildlife.

There was a series of up to 20 fishponds on the Estate. You will walk past the site of a couple of them (3 & 4) on your right as well as the ornamental lake (5) on your left which is thought to date back to the 18th Century.

You will see many ancient trees in the parkland.

Click the QR code to find out more about these trees (6)

The track winds to the right and on your right is the site of the Lower Garden (7) and well (8).



TO ENTER THE WOODED AREA CLIMB OVER STILE

At another set of the old gate posts, you can find the foundations of the original stables and outbuildings (9) as well as the site of the demolished mansion house (10).

The path for this circular route takes you to the right but a brief diversion to the left will allow you to see the remains of the walled garden (11) and the orchard or 'fruit garden' (12).

Whilst in this area of the wood, you will find an old log pile which we have left as a habitat for the bugs and nearby an uncommon fern which is thriving in the untouched area. In February you will see a carpet of snowdrops and in May it will be covered in bluebells. The laurel is non-native and invasive and is managed to keep it under control (13).

Click the QR code to find out more about how we are encouraging the wildlife.

Re-join the footpath to the right and, as you exit the woodland, head along the higher track back towards the lane. This is likely to have been the main formal arrival drive (14). You will see another of the original fishponds on your left (15).

Nearer the gate to the lane, you will see the kestrel boxes on some of the trees looking towards the middle of the parkland. We have done well in helping the kestrels to nest here so we've recently installed another box. Please don't go too near (16).

Click the QR code to find out more about the birdlife on our estates.



USE GATE OR STILE TO EXIT PARKLAND BACK INTO BACK RACECOURSE LANE