

# Access at Croft



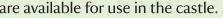
Level access path marked on map.



Access to the castle can be gained via a ramp, and the ground floor is wheelchair accessible. The first floor is only accessible via 27 steps.



Large print, braille guides and a virtual tour are available for use in the castle.





There are induction loops in the welcome and arrival centre and tea-room.



Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas.



There is a buggy available to transport visitors around the property. Please ask about the buggy on arrival.



Accessible toilets can be found near the tea-room and in the castle.



Manual wheelchair and powered mobility vehicle available for loan from the welcome and arrival centre.

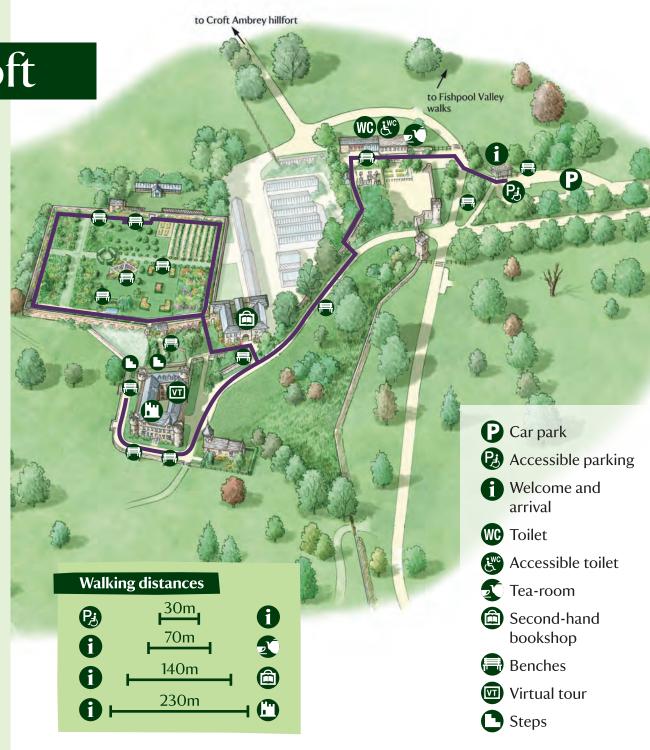


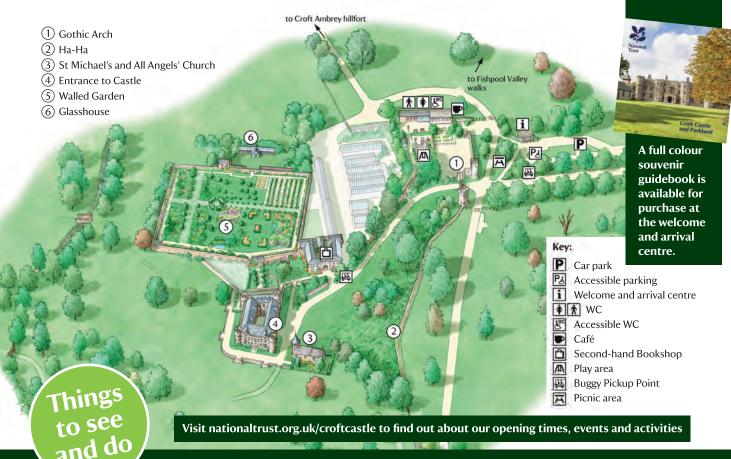


The entrances to the tea-room and secondhand bookshop are level and accessible.



There is an accessible route around the walled garden with an incline to reach the furthest end. There are stone steps into the very small terraced area of the garden which is not wheelchair accessible.





#### In the castle

Home to the Croft family for almost 1000 years, the homely rooms share stories of key figures who influenced British political and military history.

### In the garden

Discover the historic walled garden including colourful herbaceous borders, secret walled garden, historic apple trees and glasshouse.

### In the parkland

1,500 acres of historic parkland, with woodland, farmland, picturesque Fishpool Valley, Iron Age hillfort and ancient trees.

## Want to stay longer?

Croft has two holiday cottages available to book; one in the walled garden and another nestled in the woodland on the way to Croft Ambrey. Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays to book.

#### Additional access information

- · Parent and child facilities are available in the accessible toilet near the tea-room. Please ask at the tea-room for the key.
- · Mobility scooters are available for loan from the welcome and arrival centre.
- Shuttle service to castle available most days.
- Ramped entry into castle. Ground floor fully accessible.

If you require this information in an alternative format please call 01568 780246 or email croftcastle@nationaltrust.org.uk

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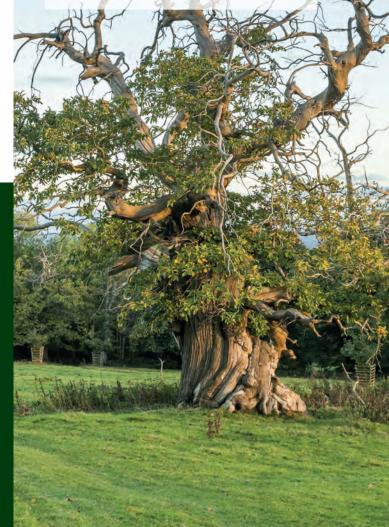
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# Walks at Croft Castle and parkland

Car park

Tea-room

Play areas

Viewpoint

Malk start point

Acessible parking Welcome and arrival centre

WC & accessible WC

# Pokehouse Wood Walk



Distance: 51/2 miles Time: Max 3 hours Difficulty: Hard

A long woodland walk for experienced walkers. Some challenging terrain offering the chance to see SSSI River Lugg, woodland restoration and the old bridge - part of the original formal approach to the castle.

## **Croft Ambrey Walk**



**Distance:** 3 miles **Time:** Max 2 hours **Difficulty:** Medium

A longer circuit exploring ancient trees and the spectacular ramparts of the Croft Ambrey Iron Age hillfort. This route follows farm and forestry tracks, fields and pasture with long but gentle slopes.

## **Fishpool Dingle Walk**



**Distance:** 1½ miles **Time:** Max 1 hour **Difficulty:** Easy-Medium

A pleasant route through the 'Picturesque' wooded valley, following forest paths and some newly restored natural tracks. This route is mainly flat with some slopes and steps.

## Highwood Walk

Distance: 3 miles **Time:** Max 2 hours **Difficulty:** Medium Explore some of the lost carriage rides and restored historic paths through Fishpool Valley. This route has some steep slopes and steps,

wooded valleys and challenging terrain.

Terrain - All of our walks are natural pathways with mixed terrain and can be muddy and slippery, so please wear appropriate footwear. Some sections are steep too.

## **Ancient Tree Walk**



Distance: 1½ miles Time: Max 1 hour Difficulty: Easy

Take in the magnificent ancient oaks, chestnuts and hawthorn trees as well as the stunning views of the castle and surrounding countryside. This route follows some flat surfaced paths and parkland that is suitable for all terrain pushchairs.

# **Visiting Croft with your dog**

Your four legged friend is welcome on a lead in the gardens, parkland, second-hand bookshop and glazed area of the tea-room.

- · You'll find dog waste bins in the car park by the welcome and arrival centre.
- The parkland is home to cattle and sheep; if your dog isn't used to livestock, please ask about the best routes to follow.
- · Please help us care for the wildlife in Fishpool Valley by not letting your dogs swim in the pools.

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Natural play area

Ancient Chestnut trees en route to Croft Ambrey the Iron Age hillfor