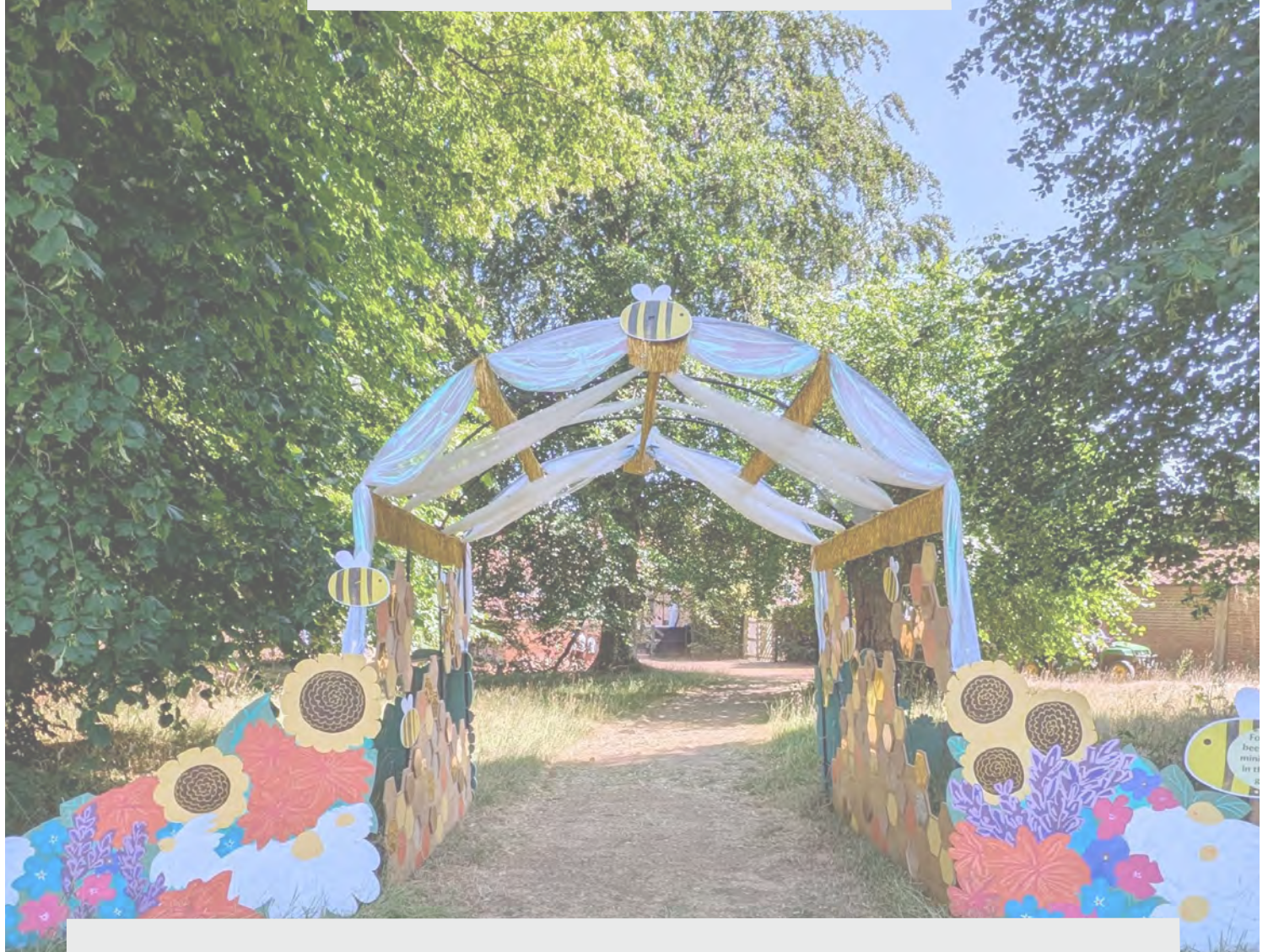




Visual story



This information will help you prepare for a visit to Blickling Estate's 'Summer of Play' event

The event runs in the garden between 18 July and 2 September 2026



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The National Trust has also partnered with AccessAble to create a guide to Blickling Estate. This will give you more details about a visit [AccessAble - Your Accessibility Guide](#)

You are always welcome to contact us for more information and support before you visit. Email blickling@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01263 738030.

General information

Blickling Estate is an historic site near Aylsham in North Norfolk.

The estate has been looked after by the National Trust since 1940. The estate includes a house, fifty-five acres of garden and four thousand six hundred acres of parkland, including waymarked trails and farms.

Everyone is welcome to visit the house, garden and parkland waymarked trails.

Arriving and Parking

Most people travel to Blickling Estate by car.

You can travel by bus and then walk up the drive. It is also possible to cycle.

Follow the brown road signs from north or south to 'Blickling Hall' on the Blickling Road.



The entrance to the car park is about four hundred metres along the road from the front drive of the house.

Follow the black signs into the car park.



There are blue badge parking spaces to the right and to the left of the front of the barn.



You can pay for your parking or scan your membership card at either of the two machines in the car park with a blue 'pay here' sign above them.



On busy days the car park can get full. Someone in a high vis jacket might ask you to wait for a short time until they can show you where to park.

You might park in the overflow car park which is in a field near the cycle hire building.



Welcome

This is the visitor reception in the main car park.



When you go inside, you will meet a member of the Welcome team. They will be wearing National Trust branded clothing or lanyards.



The Welcome team will ask to scan your membership card if you are a National Trust member.

If you are not a National Trust member, you will need to pay to enter the house and gardens. You may also have a pass or voucher which allows you to enter for free.

The Welcome team will answer any questions and help you plan your day. They will give you a map and tell you what's happening in the house and garden that day.

You can also borrow equipment such as ear defenders and fidget toys here. Please return them to the team at the end of your visit.

Getting around

Blickling Estate is a large site and getting around can take some time.

There are mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire which can help you get around the gardens and parkland.



It's best to book a mobility scooter before you visit to make sure it's available. You can call the Welcome team to book these before your visit on 01263 733956.

Your route to the garden

From the barn where the Welcome team work you can choose to go into the parkland or to the house and garden.

The walk from the barn to the garden entrance is about 385 metres and may take you about 7 minutes.



Follow the signs for the garden or the giant snails which take you past the Buckinghamshire Arms pub and along the brick wall.



Continue to follow the signs to the front gravelled drive and walk down to the bottom.

The garden

To enter the garden, use the doorway in the corner on your right.



This is the visitor welcome point for the garden. The Welcome team will be working inside or outside of the black shed. They will be wearing National Trust lanyards or branded clothing.

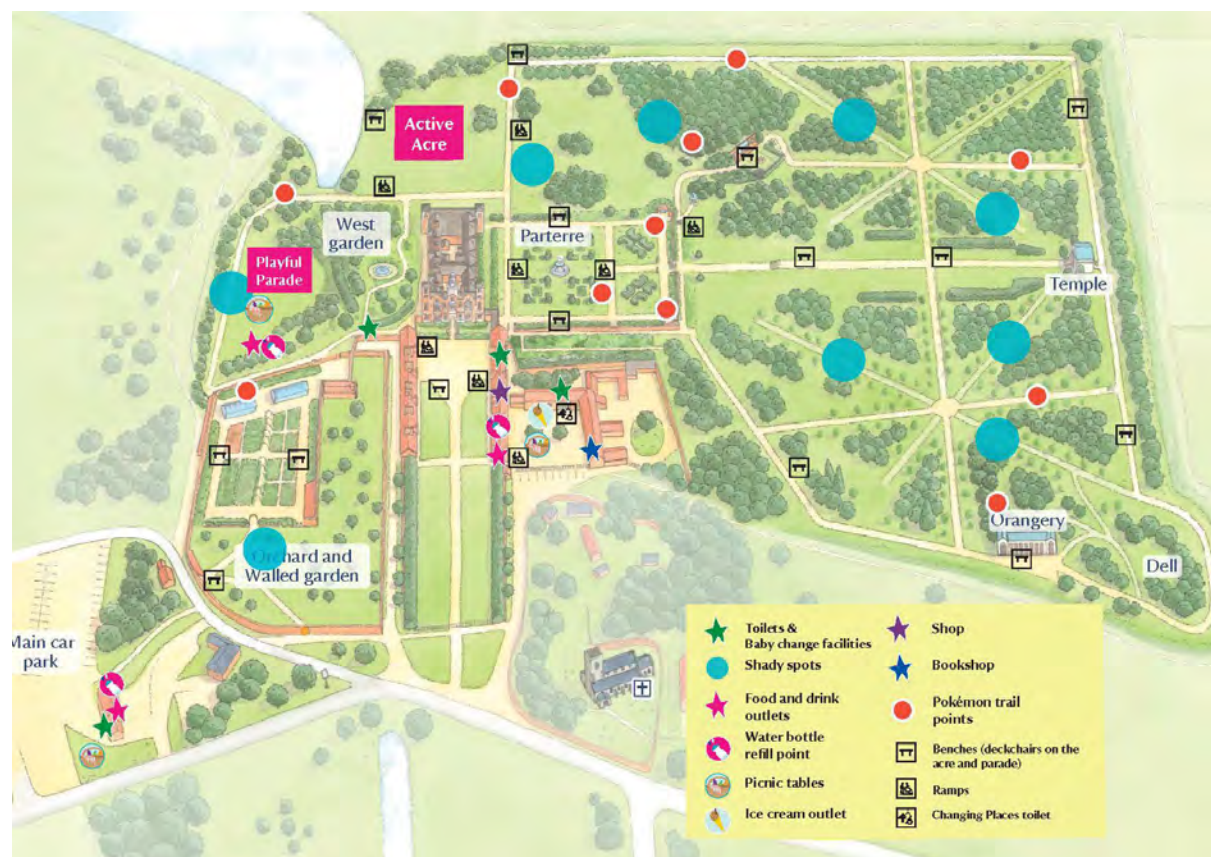


If you have not scanned your membership or bought a ticket yet they can do that for you here. They can also answer your questions and help you plan your day.

You can also borrow equipment like ear defenders, fidget toys, mobility scooters and wheelchairs here.

You can get a Pokémon themed sticker book from the welcome team at the shed. They will give you a different sticker for your book each time you visit a National Trust place during Summer of Play dates, up to five times.

Outside the shed there will also be a map of the Summer of Play zones which you can take a photo of to help you find your way.



The garden contains several different garden spaces within one big garden. The whole garden is about 55 acres.

There are also historic buildings and fountains.

The Parterre

The first part of the garden you see as you enter is the Parterre. It has very large hedges in it which look like acorns and an historic fountain. Be careful around the fountain as the grass can sometimes be slippery when wet. It has a variety of plants and flowers in it and is very colourful in the summer.



The Acre

The Acre is a large area of flat grass near the lake which is often used for visitors to play sports and games.



During the Summer of Play event, you can play active games here such as tennis or badminton or have races with your family on the racetrack.

There may also be activities run by staff or volunteers happening in this area which you can join in with. The welcome team can let you know when these are happening.

Adults will need to supervise their children at all times.

It might be busy and noisy at times with lots of families playing.

There are deckchairs and a stretch tent near the acre where you can sit and rest.



The Parade

The Parade is a large area of grass near the lake which is often used for family activities. You can follow the snails through the black gates from the acre to the parade.



The parade has a large stretch tent on it which is a good place to cool off on a hot day. There are also round picnic tables underneath it and around it for you to sit and have your food and drink.



There is a trailer on the parade where you can buy hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and ice creams.

You can do activities like dressing up, building, drawing on a chalkboard and playing noughts and crosses on the parade.

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The walled garden

This is the walled garden, it's a peaceful space where flowers, fruits and vegetables grow throughout the year.

There are seats in here for you to take a rest. You can also do some quieter activities near the gazebo.

The walled garden is a quieter space where you can take a break from the noisy play areas.



Other people in the garden

You may see people working in the garden during your visit. The gardeners might be cutting the grass, weeding or tidying.

Some of the gardening jobs are noisy such as mowing the grass or cutting the hedges.



Toilets

There are toilets you can use near the Summer of Play activities.

There is a toilet with a baby change table, you can follow the signs from the parade.



There are more toilets in the east wing, near the garden entrance. There are toilets for men and women, as well as a baby changing area and accessible toilet.



There is also Changing Places toilet in the farmyard near to the bookshop.

The toilets can be noisy with people talking, doors banging and people drying their hands with the hand driers.

Shopping

You can find the gift shop in the east wing near the garden entrance. All the doors into the east wing have ramps. There are ramps inside the building too.



You can buy gifts, books, cards and garden gifts in the shop. The shop team are friendly, and you can ask them if you need any help.

It can get busy in the shop with lots of people walking through the building. There may be music playing.



Eating and drinking

The nearest café to the Summer of Play activities is the Stables café in the east wing. The café serves hot and cold food and drinks, snacks and ice creams.



There are two rooms you can sit in.



The café team are friendly, and you can ask them if you need any help.

It can get busy in the café, especially between 12pm and 1pm. You might hear the noise of people talking and chair legs scraping on the floor.

Assistance dogs are welcome in the café.

Thank you for visiting!

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