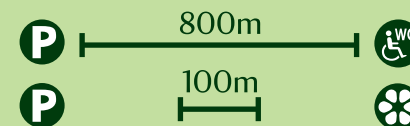




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# Access at The Weir Garden

## Walking distances



- Car park
- Toilet
- Accessible toilet
- Welcome kiosk
- Walled garden
- Benches
- Steps
- Narrow passing place
- MOST** accessible path
- LEAST** accessible path



**There is no accessible path around the garden**, however we've marked the **MOST** and **LEAST** accessible paths.

The most accessible path is a hard track with some loose stones and prominent tree roots.

The least accessible paths include slippery steps, bridges, steep climbs and narrow pathways.



Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas.



Accessible toilets can be found in the riverside garden, marked on the map.



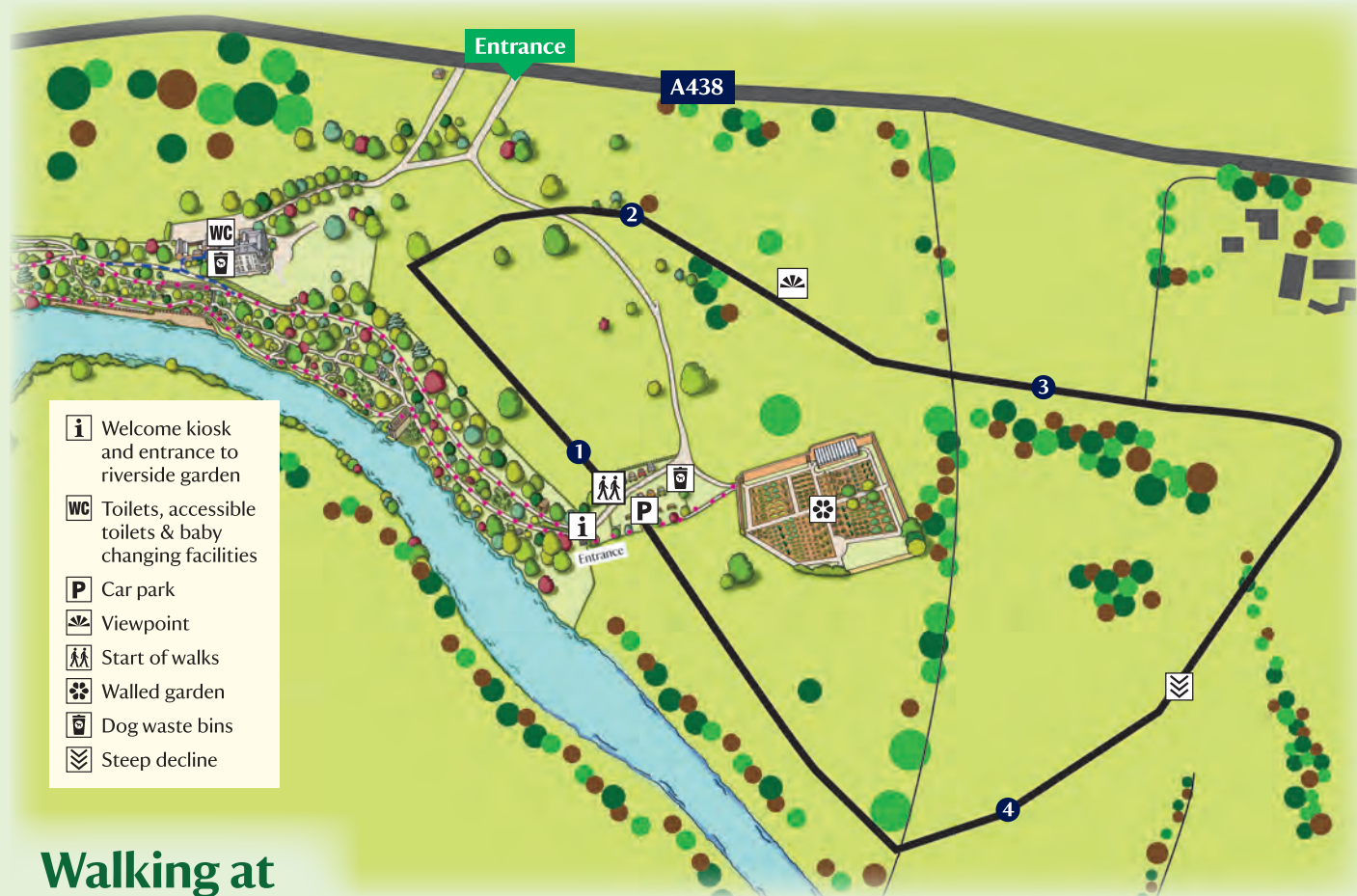
The natural play area can be found off the main path at the far end of the garden. The surface is hard ground with a loose covering of bark. The play area is around 100m from the river with no physical barrier.



Access to the walled garden is via a grassy track and has gravelled pathways throughout.








## Walking at The Weir Garden

### Weir Walk



**Distance:** 1 mile  
**Time:** 40 minutes  
**Difficulty:** Easy

Start at the gate near the welcome kiosk marked  on the map. Follow the black way-markers through the estate and discover sweeping views of the River Wye and Herefordshire countryside. This walk passes through parkland where sheep and cattle live, so please keep dogs on leads at all times and close gates behind you.

- 1 The surrounding area is known for extensive Roman activity, with evidence of Roman occupation being found buried beneath the ground here, including a high-status bathhouse which would have overlooked the river.
- 2 Terraced earth, known as lynchets, can be seen here which are thought to date from the Iron Age. These have been overlain by Roman roads and interrupted by agricultural practices over the years.
- 3 In the first half of the nineteenth century, an engineered mill pond was built here with a building to the south and east of it, presumably the mill itself. What is left today is the site of a coppice, but if you look carefully you may see scars in the landscape which speak of a busy and productive site.
- 4 Here you may catch glimpses of the remains of a Roman road in the floodplain north of the River Wye. This can be seen as a slight curve to the surface of the ground which would have drained water away from the road, preventing it from getting waterlogged.



## Visiting with your dog

- Your four legged friend is welcome on a lead in the parkland and gardens at The Weir.
- Please keep dogs on a short lead in the gardens and car park. There are some very narrow paths in the garden so please be mindful of other visitors.
- Dog waste bins can be found in the car park and by the toilets.
- Please help us care for the wildlife in The Weir Garden by not letting your dog swim in the river.



## The River Wye

The Weir Garden is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to the wildlife of the River Wye, with over 70 species of birds as well as small mammals, and even passing otters who enjoy indulging in a midnight snack in the boathouse.

In order to protect the important wildlife at The Weir, please do not let your dog swim in the river. Dogs climbing in and out of the river cause erosion to the riverbank and can pollute the water with insecticides found in flea and tick treatment. For this reason, it is an offence to allow your dog to swim in the river, so please keep your dog on a lead and under control at all times.

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## The riverside garden

The riverside garden was designed in the eighteenth century, with consultation from Humphry Repton, who was working on estates in the area. Lined with ancient trees and overlooking stunning views it is typical of a Georgian English landscape garden, focusing on the picturesque surroundings. The features you see in the garden today such as the boathouse, retaining wall, rock garden, fishing path and viewing bridge are 1920s additions from Roger Charlton-Parr's legacy.



## The walled garden

The walled garden dates to the late eighteenth century and would have supplied the mansion with seasonal produce, year round. Unusually it only has three walls rather than four. This is thought to prevent cold air getting trapped inside the walls, creating a frost pocket.

It also helps get the most out of the sunshine as it moves across the floodplain, with no fourth wall to block out any late-afternoon rays. The walled garden is still utilized today to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers.



### Where is the weir?

Despite the name, there's actually no weir to be seen from the garden today, it was removed in 1696 when an Act of Parliament was passed to make the river freely navigable.



### The glasshouse

The Foster & Pearson glasshouse in the walled garden dates back to the late 1920s and was commissioned by Roger Charlton-Parr after restoring the kitchen garden to its former Georgian glory.



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