



Your key to the mansion
If you'd like to visit the house today, you'll need to pick up a timed entry key from the information point. You can also book your visit in advance by going to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton-house



House, gardens and parkland

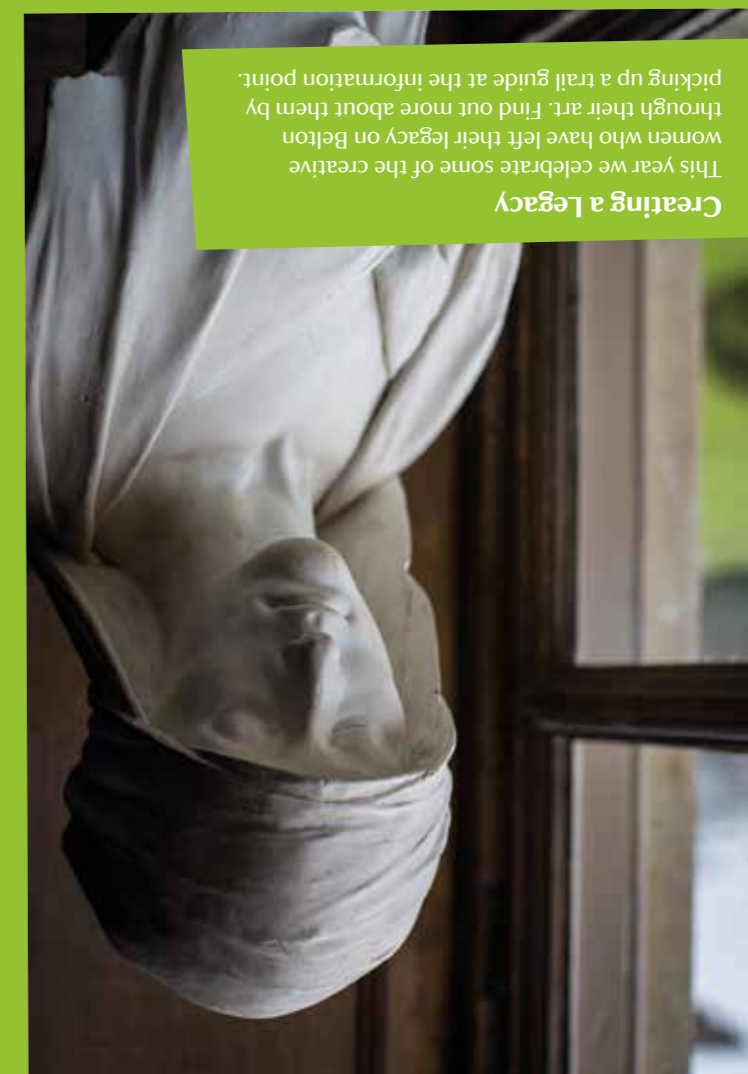
Exploring the house
The mansion interiors reflect the prosperity of generations of the Brownlow family, with grand display rooms and impressive collections of English portraiture, silver, oriental ceramics and books.



Discovering the gardens
Belton boasts formal gardens, pleasure grounds and lakes, spanning over 50 acres. The gardens are an idyllic spot for a stroll surrounded by a range of seasonal flowers, taking in features such as the Orangery, Mirror Pond, Temple and Fishing Lodge. Works to restore features of the Italian Garden as they appeared in the late 1920s are ongoing.



Adventuring further afield
Belton's parkland covers over 1300 acres. The herd of over 300 fallow deer are direct descendants of the wild herd enclosed in the late 1600s. Today, Belton's parkland is a rich natural habitat waiting to be explored. While the deer are great to photograph, for your own safety, please don't get too close.

Creating a Legacy
This year we celebrate some of the creative women who have left their legacy on Belton through their art. Find out more about them by picking up a trail guide at the information point.

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Get involved
There are lots of volunteering opportunities at the National Trust. You could also consider leaving a legacy or joining one of our centres and associations.

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The perfect English country house




Belton House is the former home of the Brownlow family and is often cited as being the perfect example of an English country house estate. Much of the justification for such a claim lies in the quality, completeness and sheer panache of its collections.


Comprising some four hundred years of collecting by a family which often had ambitions to connoisseurship, this seventeenth-century Carolean treasure house has a richness and diversity of character that is typical of the best aristocratic collections of England.

There's a lot to see and do in Belton's great outdoors. The formal gardens, pleasure grounds and boating lakes provide a charming place for a stroll that is continually changing throughout the seasons. While the parkland is a great place to play ball games or take the dog for a walk, with lots of lovely picnicking spots too.

- How do I get into the gardens?**
Stroll to the front of the house, the entrance to the gardens is through the gate on your right.
- Where can I take my dog?**
Dogs are welcome on leads in the parkland and courtyard areas (where you'll find water bowls). Assistance dogs are welcome everywhere. There are dog bins near visitor reception and the Lion Gates.
- We're feeling peckish!**
With the elegant Pavilion on the Oval, or Muddy Hands and the Ride Play Café for families, there's food and drink to suit all appetites.
- Where can I picnic?**
Find a secluded spot out in the parkland for lunch, or enjoy views of Belton House with a picnic on the Oval Lawn. There are also picnic benches by the boathouse and in the playground. Please take your litter home.
- Is there fun for families?**
Yes, lots! Pick up an I-spy trail from visitor reception or tick off an activity from your '50 things to do before you're 11¾' checklist. Enjoy the National Trust's largest outdoor adventure playground or play in the Ride Café.
- How do I see the house?**
The mansion is open Wednesday to Sunday from 12.30 - 4pm. We operate timed entry to ensure you get the best experience, and it helps protect the historic collection. Please collect an entry key from the information point before making your way to the house. 'Below stairs' tours run daily and are included in the mansion entry price. Tour tickets can also be booked at the Information Point.


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Welcome



Belton House

The perfect English country house estate?



Top five things to see and do at Belton

Orangery
Overlooking the Italian Garden, the Orangery is home to a collection of lush foliage and exotic blooms. Built in 1821 with a cast iron supporting structure, the design was ahead of its time.



Statue walk
Stroll along Statue Walk and discover Belton's box maze, replanted from a 1902 drawing after the original was taken up during WW2.



Fallow deer
Look out for the direct descendants of the wild deer herd enclosed here in 1690. They have large, flat antlers and can be one of four colours; the familiar tan with white spots, menil, melanistic and white.



Cricket
Founded in 1947 by Lord Brownlow, Belton Park Cricket Club plays regularly on the Oval Lawn, most weekends from early spring all the way through to early autumn.



Boathouse Appeal



Can you help us raise £100k to restore Belton's boathouse?

- You could:
- Sponsor a slate for £25
 - Buy a bag for life for £5
 - Book a private Wilderness tour from £10 pp
 - Organise a fundraising event
 - Buy a raffle ticket for £1
 - Round-to-the-pound in Belton's shops and cafés

The boathouse is an intrinsic part of Belton's wilderness and historic garden design. Restoration plans also include the re-introduction of punting along the river!



The outdoor adventure playground

Make a splash with water, create some noise with the chimes and music blocks or simply wander further into the wood and build a den. There are endless possibilities for the whole family to enjoy an adventure in Belton's award-winning playground.



Distances

Visitor reception to the house: 250m, 5 minutes.
Parkland walk: 5.1km, 1 hour 30 minutes.
Garden walk: up to 3.5 km, 1 hour.

How much time do you have?

1 hour: Enjoy a stroll around the gardens or tire out the children in the adventure playground

3 hours: Find out about Belton's Creative Women with the new outdoor trail and finish with a cream tea or lunch in the Pavilion Cafe on the Oval.

All day: Explore the treasures of Belton with your very own key to the mansion. Make time for a basement tour too and hear about life as a servant. Head to the Information point for timed tickets and more details.

Membership

As a member, you'll enjoy free access to hundreds of unforgettable places as often as you like. What's more, you'll also help us protect Belton House and other special places for future generations. To join today simply speak to a member of our team during your visit.

Admission Tickets

A 'Grounds only' ticket gives you access to everywhere at Belton except the mansion. If you'd like to visit the house or see below stairs, you'll need to buy a 'House and Grounds' ticket. Entry to the house is timed.

Getting around

There are many uneven surfaces and cobbled areas around Belton. Personal mobility vehicles can be collected from visitor reception, subject to availability. A courtesy shuttle service also operates if you'd like a lift from or to the visitor reception. Just ask, we're here to help.

Keep up to date

Don't forget to visit our website to find out what's coming up at Belton House this year.

- 1 Car park
- 2 Visitor reception, information, mansion tickets and membership
- 3
- 4
- 5 The Pavilion Café
- 6 Ride Play Café
- 7 Stables restoration project
- 8 Gift shop
- 9 Second-hand bookshop
- 10 Discovery Centre (open weekends and school holidays)
- 11 Boathouse restoration project
- 12 Picnic tables
- 13 To the outdoor adventure playground, Muddy Hands and miniature train
- 14 Basement tour entrance
- 15 Mansion entrance
- 16 Garden entrance
- 17 Dutch garden
- 18 Italian garden
- 19 Orangery
- 20 St Peter and St Paul Church (not NT)
- 21 Mirror Pond and Temple
- 22 Pleasure Grounds
- 23 Fishing Lodge
- 24 Maze
- 25 Statue walk