
HEYTHROP PARK
RESERVE BY WARNER HOTELS
Archer Bridge
Look out for Kingfishers
Waterfall
Cascades
Jesuit Cemetery
Passenger Drop off!
Ha Ha Wall
Team Car Park
Victorian Walled Garden
Wild Planting
Wildlife Habitat
Watch out for Golf Balls!
Whale grotto and pond
Victorian Kitchen Garden
Wilderness Seat
Park Entrance
S South Wing Reception Entrance
M Manor House Reception Entrance
NP North Carpark
SP South Carpark
GP Golfers Carpark
T The T - golf & activities reception
G Grounds Maintenance Area
1 Croquet Lawn
2 Circular Bowling Green
3 Archery Range
4 Driving Range
5 Laser Clay Shooting
6 Rifle Shooting (indoor)
7 Golf Course Holes
8 Theatre
9 Welcome Lodge
10 Moroccan Terrace
11 Three Niche Seat
12 Wilderness Cold Bath Terrace
The manor house trail - 1.74km (Easy)
The Cotswold trail - 3.24km - (moderate)

Every path leads to ***something delightful***

Explore the Grounds.

Circular Bowling green

Did you know the game of bowls was developed from the ancient Egyptians and that Shakespeare and King Henry VIII were players? According to popular legend Sir Francis Drake was playing bowls when he received news of the invading Spanish Armada in 1588. First recorded in 1707, this was the UK's first circular bowling green – don't miss your chance to play on it during your stay.

Whale grotto and pond

In 1869 the railway magnate Thomas Brassey bought Heythrop Park as a wedding present for his son Alfred. When Thomas returned from his travels with the skeleton of a bottlenose whale, he commissioned James Pulham to build this large grotto to house it. The grotto has two entrances, and you can still see the two hooks where the whale skeleton was hung. You can also enjoy Pulham's rockwork on each side of the grotto and the pretty circular pond opposite.

Walled nursery garden

Dating back to the 18th century this rectangular walled garden has stone walls, lined internally with bricks. Designed with perimeter and cruciform paths, as well as a central dipping pond, it's now home to our Christmas tree plantation.

Victorian kitchen garden

Once an abundant source of produce for the Jesuit College at Heythrop Park, this Victorian kitchen garden still has its original brick walls and well-preserved iron fixtures. Its cruciform path pattern dates back to the late 19th century and is now an ornamental feature, with perimeter borders and panels of lawn. You can see the brick tower with its arched gateway that formed the original entrance, as well as the original gardener's cottage and modern glasshouses.

One of the estate's many ha-has

Did you know a ha-ha is a concealed ditch that's also known as a sunken fence, deer wall or fosse? It stops wildlife getting onto the lawns without interrupting the view. The name ha-ha is of French origin and comes from the exclamation of surprise that people would make on seeing the optical illusion. There are more than 2km of ha-has across the Heythrop Park estate.

Wilderness seat

Take a seat amidst the 440 acres of tamed wilderness here at Heythrop Park and enjoy the spectacular views of the English countryside. With so many must-see attractions on the doorstep – including Blenheim Palace, family-owned breweries, chocolate box villages and walking trails - where will your next adventure take you?

Cold bath terrace

In the 18th and 19th centuries local women would sit in this small stone building, dipping their toes into the stream while they watched carriages go by on their way to the main house.

Niche alcove

Charles Talbot, the first Duke of Shrewsbury, went on a grand tour of Italy in 1700 and commissioned the building of Heythrop Park on his return. Inspired by his travels, Talbot employed prominent English architect Thomas Archer to construct a palace in the Italian Baroque style.

Archer bridge

This Baroque-style bridge was built in the early 18th century by English architect Thomas Archer, who's also known for his work at Chatsworth House, Cliveden and Blenheim Palace. The bridge now forms a dam, retaining the waters of the lake, which was created in around 1750.

Jesuit cemetery

From 1923 to 1969 there was a Jesuit College at Heythrop Park. This small cemetery situated on the first tee of the golf course is still visited annually by the Jesuits.

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