

The park is open all year round. Opening times are:
 9am - 5pm during winter hours (October - March)
 9am - 8pm during summer hours (April - September).

Park opening times

On arrival at Elvaston's main car park (Pay and Display charges apply) look for our sign boards and maps. They will provide you with information on events and activities on the park and help you to find your way to our central courtyards. This is where our Information Centre and Shop is located, with its well-stocked gift shop and refreshments. Close by there are toilets, baby changing facilities, coffee shop and exhibition area – with helpful Countryside Service staff available all year round.

Information

The Stanhope family resided here until the estate was sold. Derbyshire County Council subsequently purchased it in 1968 and opened the estate in 1970 as one of the first country parks in England. Today, both the buildings and gardens are registered (Grade 2 and Grade 2*) as being of special architectural and historical interest.

At the heart of the estate lies Elvaston Castle, a Gothic Revival masterpiece (not open to the public) redesigned for the third Earl of Harrington in the early 1800s and based on the original house, which dates back to 1633.



Located in Derbyshire, near to Derby and Nottingham, Elvaston Castle Country Park offers a glimpse into the past - encompassing around 200 acres of open parkland, woodland and more formal historical listed gardens.

Countryside on your doorstep

FREE

Discover Elvaston Castle Country Park (map inside)



Enjoying the freedom of a Trampler mobility scooter.

There is a Changing Places facility (Radar key only) available within the main car park toilet block.

Designated car parking spaces for Blue Badge holders are available within the main car park. Blue badge holders are also welcome to use the visitor car park located close to the castle.

The site has Trampler (all-terrain mobility scooter) hire available from the Information Centre and Shop. Maps are available showing Trampler routes around the park. Tel: 01629 533884.

Access for all

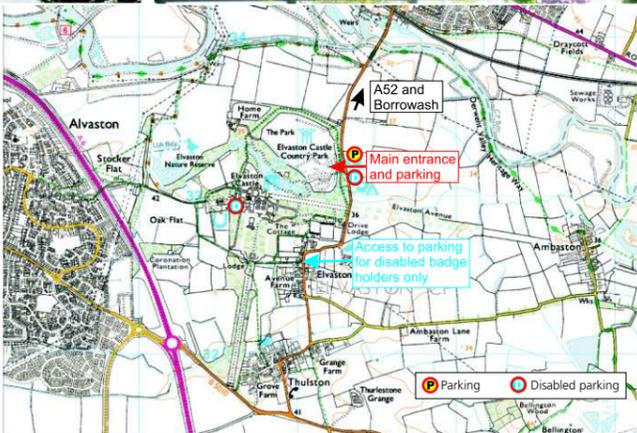
The privately run 'Harrington Coffee Shop' is located within the castle building and provides a range of hot and cold snacks, cakes and drinks. Tel: 01332 752592 to check opening hours.

Harrington Coffee Shop

Our Information Centre and Shop, in the cobbled courtyard, sells a range of drinks, ice cream and confectionery. We also sell seasonal produce and plants grown on the estate.

Refreshments

Clockwise from far left: Elvaston Castle across the lake, Information Centre and Shop, terraced lawns, Boathouse near the lake.



How to find us

Elvaston Castle Country Park, Borrowwash Road (A6120), Elvaston, Derby, Derbyshire, DE72 3EP Tel: 01629 533870. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/elvaston



Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/derbyshirecountryside

Follow the Countryside Code

Please follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you will get the best from your visit and will help to protect the countryside now and for future generations. www.naturalengland.org.uk

Public transport

You can find the most suitable bus and rail service by contacting Traveline on 0871 200 22 33. For more details on public transport in Derbyshire log on to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/public_transport



Awards

Elvaston Castle Country Park has earned the 'Green Flag Award' in recognition of its quality greenspace provision.



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The hugely popular Food and Drink Fair

Events and activities

- Elvaston Castle Country Park has its own designated Local Nature Reserve if you love wildlife in a more natural setting.
- Our formal gardens and lake side walk provide ample opportunity for a gentle stroll, or visit our walled Old English Garden if you are seeking an even more tranquil setting.
- A play area for younger children is located just off the main car park. We recommend that children under 8 should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Derwent Valley Orienteering Maps are available from the Information Centre and Shop.
- There is a network of wayfaring points around the park.
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- A brideway, available to horse riders, walkers and cyclists, runs around the perimeter of the park. Please respect all other users and give way to horse riders. Please note - horse riding and cycling is **not permitted** elsewhere within the park.
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Recreational opportunities



Hireable spaces

If you would like to organise an event at Elvaston Castle Country Park yourself – please contact us on 01629 533870 for help, advice or to make a booking.

Elvaston offers both outdoor and indoor spaces for hire. Ranging from a 27 acre showground to a smaller events field or the stunning, historic Gothic Hall to classroom space. Please contact us for further information.



Dog owners

Elvaston Castle Country Park is well known for being a dog-friendly site, and the Countryside Service welcomes responsible owners and their dogs. Poop scoop bags are available on site – dispose of dog waste in the site bins provided. Please keep your dog(s) under close control.

Other leaflets

There are a wide range of leaflets available on site or to download, to help you make the most of your visit. These are:

- Elvaston Local Nature Reserve
- Access Derbyshire
- Horse Ride Derbyshire
- Cycle Derbyshire.



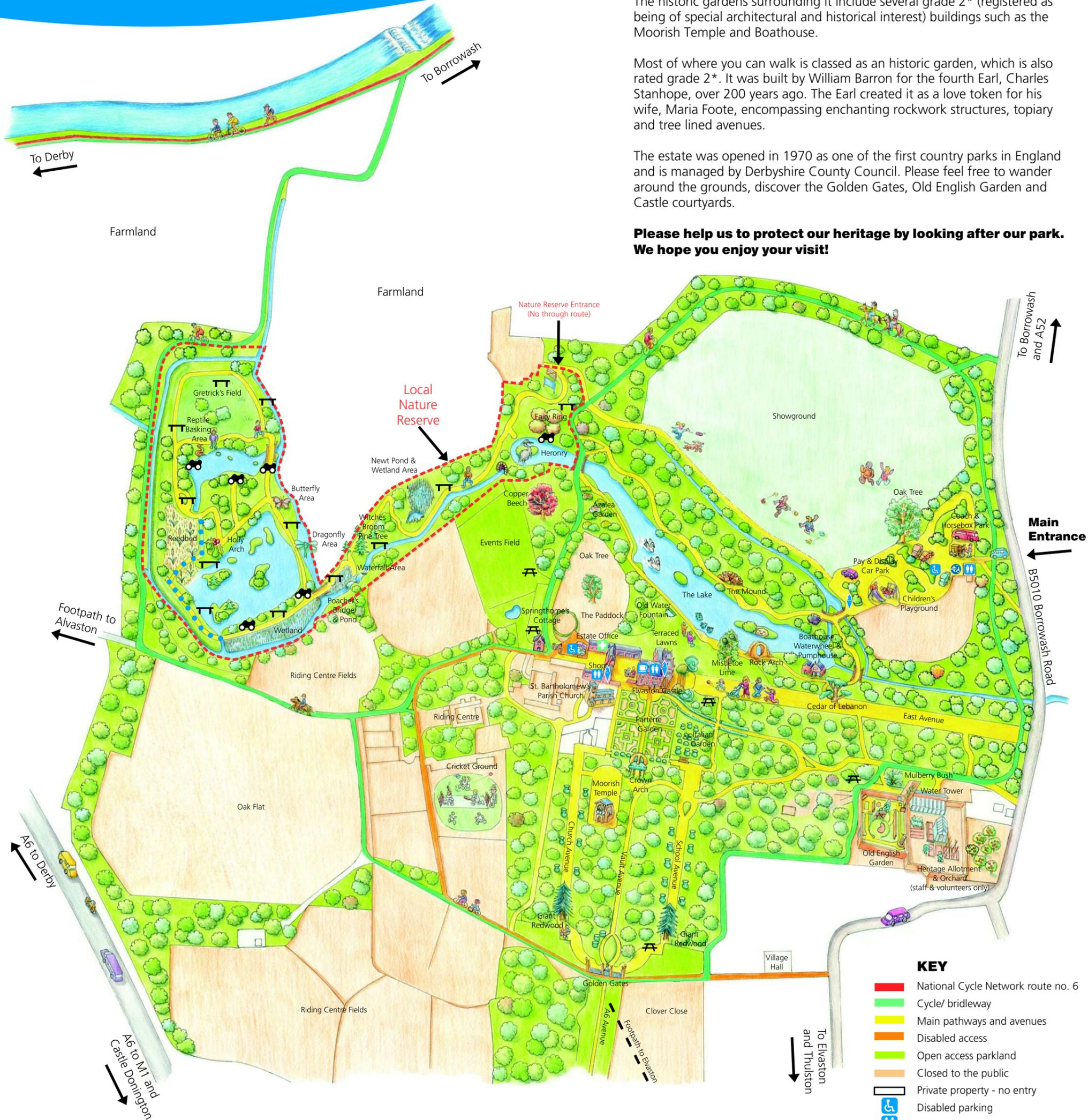
Welcome to Elvaston Castle Country Park

The 'Castle' was once the manor house for the Earls of Harrington. The historic gardens surrounding it include several grade 2* (registered as being of special architectural and historical interest) buildings such as the Moorish Temple and Boathouse.

Most of where you can walk is classed as an historic garden, which is also rated grade 2*. It was built by William Barron for the fourth Earl, Charles Stanhope, over 200 years ago. The Earl created it as a love token for his wife, Maria Foote, encompassing enchanting rockwork structures, topiary and tree lined avenues.

The estate was opened in 1970 as one of the first country parks in England and is managed by Derbyshire County Council. Please feel free to wander around the grounds, discover the Golden Gates, Old English Garden and Castle courtyards.

Please help us to protect our heritage by looking after our park. We hope you enjoy your visit!



Good users' guide to our parks

- 1 Good dogs and responsible owners are welcome. If your dog makes a mess, please dispose of waste in the special bins provided.
- 2 Please do not feed the birds, they have plenty to eat - unfortunately, the food just encourages rats.
- 3 Please use the litter bins provided. That way the park will stay looking good for longer.
- 4 This park is best explored by foot. If you do bring a bicycle, please keep to the marked cycle route around the perimeter of the park.

Elvaston Castle and the Parterre Garden



Moorish Temple



Rockwork



Golden Gates



Old English Garden

