

A Walk for July 2023

Coneysthorpe and Castle Howard's Monuments.

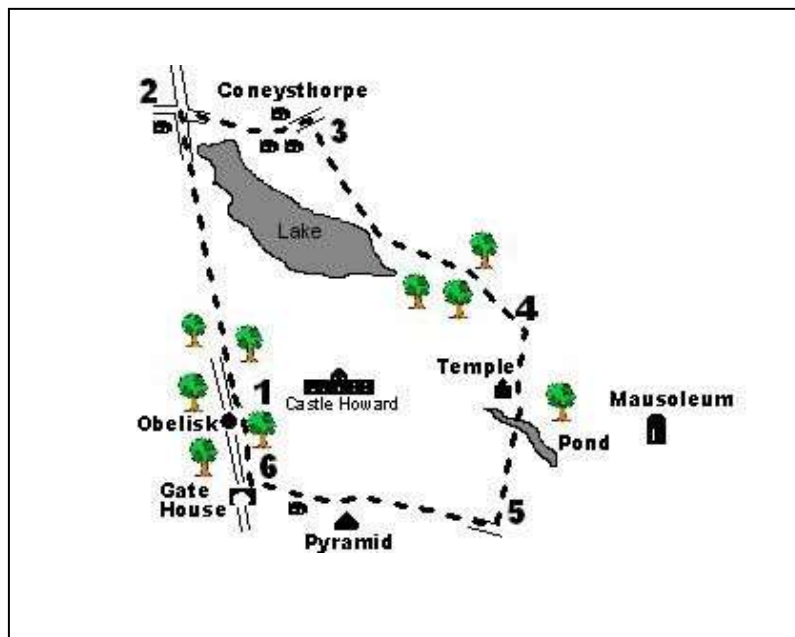
Castle Howard is just two miles south of Slingsby and is signposted at the crossroads at the top of the village. Park in the main car park, turning left at the obelisk. There are superb views over the countryside surrounding Castle Howard.

The route takes you on the most compact circuit of Castle Howard without actually without paying and entering the grounds and has the added interest of the monuments en-route.

Start — Castle Howard Main Car Park

Distance – 4 miles

Duration – 1½ hours



1. Walk to the car park exit by the obelisk and turn right to join a track that runs near the trees on the right hand side of the road and parallel to it. This track continues beyond the bridge over the two ponds. Care is needed on the next quarter mile where the road verge narrows before passing the side of the Great Lake. Carry on to the crossroads.
2. Turn right at the crossroads signposted Coneysthorpe. There is no formal footpath but a well-trodden path alongside the wall on the right keeps you away from traffic. Go through the village passing the caravan park, works yard and phone box on the right.
3. At the end of the tarmaced footpath turn right through a large white handgate. Join the track that goes straight ahead through a gateway in

the hedge beside a small stream. Continue to the wood on your right then, about 50 yards before reaching the lone oak tree close to the left of the track, leave the track and head across the grass field at 10 o' clock. Your route reaches and crosses a track at a finger post waymark. Continue in the direction signed 'Welburn', heading into the woods, skirting the stone boundary wall to your right. The path reaches a track by a gate.

4. Go through the gate and bear right climbing the hill towards the Temple of the Four Winds at the summit. From there descend to the small lake, (a short detour to your left takes you to the Mausoleum), cross the ornamental bridge and climb the track to reach a tarmaced road.
5. Turn right, staying on the road as it passes the Pyramid on the left, the Castle itself over to the right and the mock battlements on the left, and finally reaches the Castle Howard to York road by the impressive Gatehouse.
6. At the main road bear right beside the road and back to the Obelisk with the car park on your right.