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!

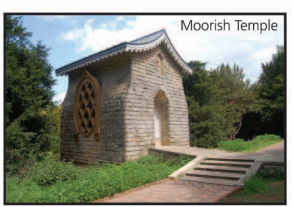
KEY

- National Cycle Network route No. 6
- Cycle/ bridleway
- Main pathways and avenues
- Disabled access
- Open access parkland
- Closed to the public
- Private property - no entry
- Disabled parking
- Toilets
- Café
- Ice cream sales
- First aid post
- Picnic area
- Seating
- Bird hide
- Path closed during nesting season (Mid March to end of June)

Good Users' guide to our parks

1. Good dogs and responsible owners are welcome. If your dog makes a mess please dispose of it 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.

Elvaston Castle and the Parterre Garden


Moorish Temple

Rockwork

Golden Gates

Old English Garden