



The Great Hall

Opening Dates & Times 2011

Low Season 1 Jan-25 Mar, 31 Oct-25 Nov, 19 Dec-31 Dec	High Season 26 Mar-30 Oct*, 26 Nov-18 Dec
House	
Closed	11am-4pm** (last admission)
Grounds & Gardens	
10am-4pm (last admission 3.30pm)	10am-5.30pm (last admission 4.30pm)
Farm Shop, Garden Centre, Courtyard Café, Carriage House/Bookshop	
10am-4pm	10am-5pm

*Closed Friday 29 April. **Last entry to the house may occasionally be 3pm as we prepare for a wedding ceremony. Admission to the gardens, shops and cafés will remain unaffected. Please check our website for the latest opening information.

Admission Charges

House & Grounds	Adult £13.00, Concession £11.00, Child 5 to 16 yrs £7.50 (under 5s free), Family from £33.50
Grounds only	Adult £8.50, Concession £8.00, Child 5 to 16 yrs £6.00 (under 5s free), Family from £23.00
Annual Pass (twelve month's admission)	Single Adult £40.00, Dual Adult £70.00, Single Child £20.00, Family from £80.00
Farm Shop, Garden Centre, Courtyard Café & Gift Shops – free entry	

Access for All

Facilities include designated parking, land-transport and wheelchair loan. A wheelchair lift (manual chairs only) provides access to all public rooms inside the house except for the High South, Chapel and first floor of the exhibition wing. Assistance dogs welcome.

Getting to Castle Howard

Castle Howard is located 15 miles north east of York, just off the A64. If you are visiting by coach please refer to our website for details of height restrictions on the approach to Castle Howard. A regular bus service runs between York and Castle Howard – please visit www.stephensonsofeasingwold.co.uk or www.yorkshiretravel.net for details

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A day at Castle Howard is about so much more than discovering one of England's finest historic houses.

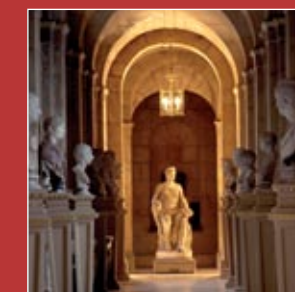
Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh for the 3rd Earl of Carlisle, the stunning interiors are the perfect backdrop to world-famous collections; from frescos and furniture to paintings and porcelain. However, Castle Howard is not just about magnificent architecture and exhibits; it is also home to the Hon. Simon and Mrs Howard, who live here with their children, Merlin and Octavia.

Inside the house friendly and knowledgeable guides bring alive the stories of Castle Howard – from tales of the Grand Tour and Rosalind the Radical 9th Countess, through to the recent restoration of fire-damaged rooms and the installation of a new eco-friendly ground source heating system. There really is something for everyone to enjoy.

Discover the House



The Howard Family



The Antique Passage



The Long Gallery



The Picture Collection

Enjoy our Exhibitions

New for 2011

Artist & Aristocrat: George Howard, 9th Earl of Carlisle (1843-1911) A Centenary Exhibition

A major exhibition of the paintings and drawings of George Howard, 9th Earl of Carlisle, to commemorate the centenary of his death.

His life and work was influenced by his close relationships with key figures in the Pre-Raphaelite movement, most especially William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones. On display is a rich selection of his paintings – many of them never seen in public before – together with examples of his sketchbooks and correspondence drawn from private archives.



A Lemon Garden at San Remo, 1875, by George Howard (1843-1911)

Other Exhibitions

Witness the extraordinary transformation of the burnt-out High South, from derelict room to film set for the film adaptation of *Brideshead Revisited*, and discover how Evelyn Waugh's novel came to be filmed not just once – but twice – at Castle Howard. In the South East Wing, *Maids & Mistresses* celebrates the lives and accomplishments of the women of Castle Howard, and acknowledges the vital role women played in the history of this great estate.

Talks, Walks & Private Views

Enhance your visit to Castle Howard in the company of our Curator, Dr Christopher Ridgway, who will be delivering a programme of entertaining and informative talks, tours and private views. Get close to documents, books and objects from the collections, and afterwards share the excitement of your discoveries with fellow visitors over wine and canapés. Visit our website for more details.



Maids & Mistresses

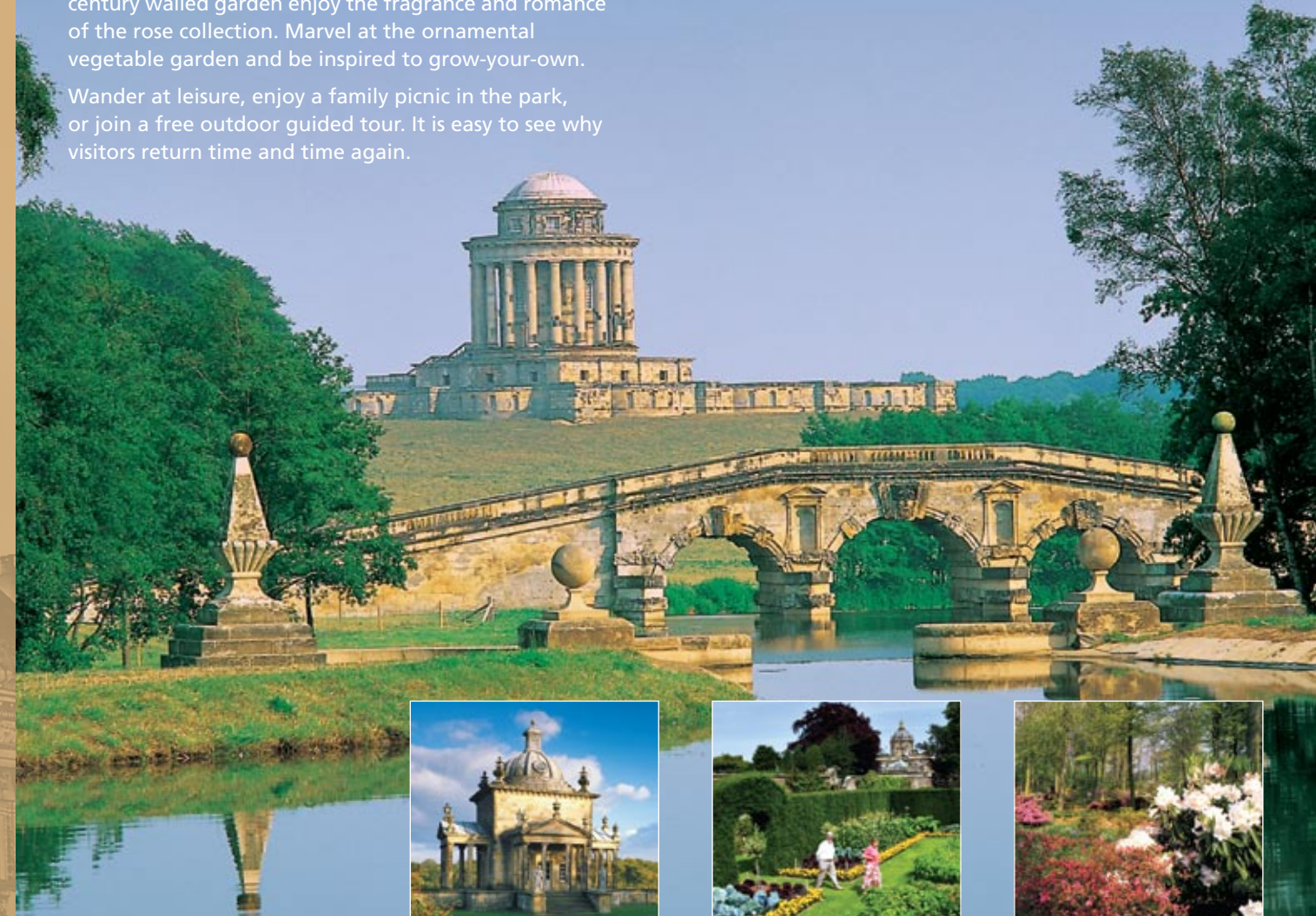


The High South

Breathtaking, awe-inspiring and sublime are amongst the most widely used words to describe Castle Howard's grounds. With its statues, temples, lakes and fountains, the magnificent landscape perfectly echoes the grandeur of the house.

On a more intimate scale, the maze of paths through Ray Wood reveal seasonal displays of snowdrops, bluebells, rhododendrons and magnolias. In the 18th-century walled garden enjoy the fragrance and romance of the rose collection. Marvel at the ornamental vegetable garden and be inspired to grow-your-own.

Wander at leisure, enjoy a family picnic in the park, or join a free outdoor guided tour. It is easy to see why visitors return time and time again.



The Temple of the Four Winds



The Walled Garden



Ray Wood

Explore the Grounds & Gardens



Play & Adventure

All young visitors to Castle Howard receive free copies of Geoffrey the Lion's illustrated trails to entertain them as they explore the house and grounds.

Take a ride on the tractor-train to the lakeside adventure playground – it's perfect for all ages to let off steam, including parents. At the lakeside you can also take a boat trip onto the Great Lake (summer holiday weekends, weather permitting) or simply enjoy an ice-cream while watching the birdlife on the lake.

Young visitors – however lively or inquisitive – are warmly welcomed inside the house. Our child-friendly guides will spark youngsters' interest as they discover each room through the characters and stories of previous generations.



Eating & Drinking

In the courtyard, with free admission and parking, the bistro-style Courtyard Café offers seasonal menus throughout the year – even when the house is closed. Its relaxed ambience entices many locals to stop by for a freshly-ground coffee after visiting the Farm Shop and Garden Centre, or – if the sun is shining – a glass of wine in the continental-style outside dining area.

From simple snacks at the Lakeside Café, to traditional country house cooking at the self-service Fitzroy Room, there is something for all tastes and budgets when visiting the house and gardens. Both cafés offer plenty of seating inside and out.

Our menus are freshly prepared each day by our team of chefs, using locally sourced produce wherever possible.



Shopping

Gift Shops: Castle Howard's three gift shops offer a range of traditional gifts and souvenirs, including ranges inspired by the collections; as well as home-wares, clothing, books and toys.

The Farm Shop: From estate-reared meat to home-baked cakes, from local cheese to speciality bread – you'll find it here. Create your own picnic or take home delicious teatime treats.

The Garden Centre: Ask one of our friendly staff for gardening advice; buy a tree grown on the estate, or splash out on anything and everything from a plant pot to garden furniture.

Free admission and parking to the courtyard Gift Shops, Garden Centre, Farm Shop and Café.



The Lakeside Holiday Park

Sometimes a day just isn't enough to experience all that Castle Howard has to offer, which is why we welcome caravan and camping visitors to our peaceful site by the Great Lake. We also have a number of static holiday homes available to buy. The holiday park is perfectly located for exploring the bridleways and villages of the Howardian Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; with the city of York, the North York Moors and coast within easy reach. Visit www.castlehoward.co.uk for more information or call 01653 648316 (caravans and camping), or 01653 648576 (holiday home sales).

Annual Pass

Enjoy the house and gardens all year with a Castle Howard Annual Pass. Benefits include unlimited admission, discounts in our shops and cafés, newsletters and exclusive events.



Events in 2011

The following events are included in the admission price unless otherwise stated.

More details of these and other events can be found at www.castlehoward.co.uk

Friday 22 to Monday 25 April
Bank Holiday Weekend
Castle Howard Traditional Easter Fair

Sunday 29 and Monday 30 May
Bank Holiday Weekend
'Myths and Monsters', Storytelling Weekend

Sunday 5 June
'Canines at the Castle': Agility Dog Show

Sunday 19 June SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
'Wind in the Willows' Outdoor Theatre

Sunday 26 June SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
Castle Howard Cup,
White Rose Polo Championship

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July
Amoré Classical Duet – Opera in the Boar Garden

Sunday 17 July
Some Like it Hot – Jazz in the Boar Garden

Sunday 24 July ENTRY FEE APPLIES
Castle Howard Triathlon – The Castle Series

Sunday 7 August
'On Your Bike!' Family Cycling Event

Saturday 13 August SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
The Great British Summer Proms

Sunday 14 August SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
Olly Murs and Alexandra Burke in concert

Sunday 28 and Monday 29 August
Bank Holiday Weekend
Medieval Weekend at the Castle

Saturday 22 to Sunday 30 October
Haunting Halloween events for half-term

Sunday 6 November SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
Castle Howard Wedding Fair



Friday 4 November SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
The NSPCC Christmas Shopping Fair

Saturday 26 November to Sunday 18 December
Christmas at Castle Howard

A unique opportunity to see Castle Howard by candlelight and dressed for Christmas. With yuletide entertainment, shopping for festive food and gifts, plus fireside audiences with Father Christmas at weekends.

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November & Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December
FREE ADMISSION

'Made in Yorkshire' Christmas Market in the Courtyard

Friday 9 and Friday 16 December
SEPARATE TICKET APPLIES
Christmas Dinner at Castle Howard

'Made in Yorkshire' Markets in the Courtyard

Visitors can enjoy our 'Made in Yorkshire' Markets in the courtyard every second Tuesday of the month from April to October. The markets are open daily from 10am until 4pm with free admission and parking. Visit our website for more details.



House & Grounds

Please take care when journeying through the grounds. Surfaces can be slippery and uneven.

