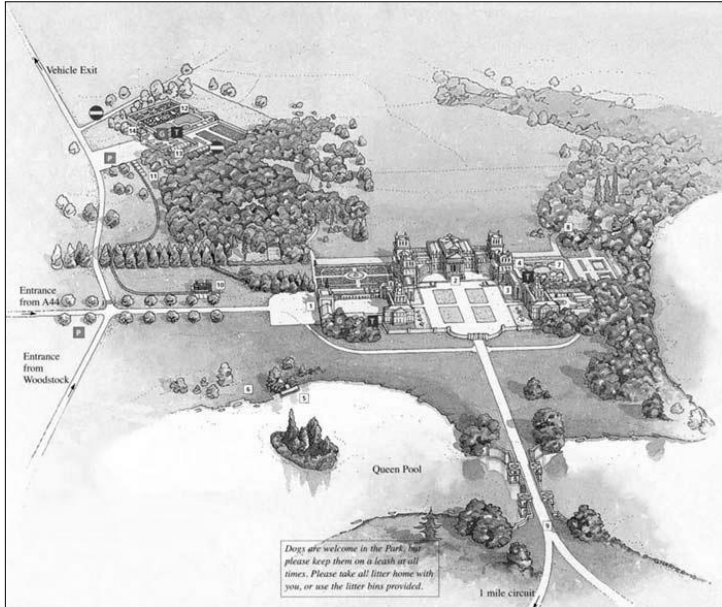




# BLENHEIM PALACE

## The Geography Trail



**Start by standing in front of the North Gates facing the Column of Victory i.e. facing north.**

1] Plot the position of the Island and then draw it on the map found at the end of this booklet.

2] From the column of victory in which direction do you look to find the Church Tower?

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3] In which direction do you have to look to find the flag pole? (Clue: The flagpole is on part of the Palace. The flag flies when the Duke is at home).

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**Walk in the direction of the Column of Victory until you are in the middle of the bridge.**

4] Stand facing the Column of Victory. Turn 90 degrees to your left. In which direction are you now facing?

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5] Keeping the same position and direction draw a sketch of the view you can see from the middle of the bridge. You can use the space on page 6.

Label the bridge, inlet and Palace on this sketch. Put a labeled compass in the top right hand corner of this sketch.



**Continue to walk in the direction of the Column and where the road forks take the right hand fork. Keep walking until you have passed 2 large clumps of trees on your left and you get a clear view of the lake on your right through the Poplar trees.**

6] Note and briefly describe any evidence of human impact on the lake.

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7] Looking beyond the lake what examples of human settlement can you see from this location?

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8] Look carefully at the embankment on the opposite side of the lake. What evidence is there that this embankment is man made?

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Fisheries Cottage

**Continue to walk in a North Easterly direction until you reach a cottage on your right. This is called Fisheries Cottage.**

9] Suggest 3 features of the landscape which make this cottage vulnerable to flooding.

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**Continue following the path and turn right at the junction passing the oak trees.**

10] What signs of erosion can be seen on the embankment opposite the cottage?

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**Continue following the path in an easterly direction, passing the cottage on your right. Where the footpath branches to the left, look towards the Lake with the Palace in the distance.**

11] Suggest 2 reasons why the Lake has been fenced at this point.

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**Continue to follow the tarmac path towards the houses (Woodstock).**

12] In what direction are you now walking? (Clue: The Palace faces north).

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**Continue following this path until you reach a clear view of the Palace across the Lake.**

13] Draw a sketch map of what you can see looking towards the Palace and label it. You can use the space on page 7.

**Continue along the path until you come to a small bridge with iron railings.**

14] In which direction is the water flowing?

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Small bridge with iron railings

**Continue along the path and up the hill until you reach the Woodstock entrance archway. Make sure you stand clear of any cars entering the Park at this point.**

15] As you walk back towards the Palace note down what man made features/structures you can see that have been put in place to help/accommodate visitors to the Park and Palace?

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16] Once back at the start of the trail estimate the distance from the Palace to Woodstock Gate. (Clue: It is a one mile circuit around the part of the Lake covered by this Trail.)

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**Use the space below for your sketch map in answer to question 5.**

**Use the space on this page to draw your sketch map in answer to question 13.**

Use this map to help find your way around the Lake. Also plot on this map your answer to question 1.

