

Felix's Gentle Path at Greys Court

An easy waymarked walk around part of the Greys Court Estate, starting and finishing in the grounds of the House. Sir Felix Brunner was especially fond of the woodlands on the Greys Court Estate, and in his later years Lady Brunner suggested that he should create a short walk from which he could obtain views across the Estate. 'Sir Felix's Gentle Walk', or 'Gentle Path' as inscribed on the first gate, is a delightful self-guided circuit through the park and woods with attractive gates inscribed with dedications to family members and to the 'good companions' who were Sir Felix's Labradors.

Distance: It is about 1,200 metres or ¾ mile in length, and will probably take 25 – 30 minutes.

Start: Greys Court Visitor Reception.

As the walk finishes in the Gardens it is accessible only when the property is open (check opening times on www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-greyscourt or call 01494 755564) and as part of a visit to the property.

Access Information: Level or gently undulating. This is a stile-free walk.

Dogs are not permitted on this Path. Please remember to close all gates.

Route:

- 1 Felix's Gentle Path begins at Visitor Reception. Walk back to the main car park. Go diagonally left up the gravel track through the car park to the far end, and through a plain gate next to the picnic area.
- 2 Go straight ahead down the field edge, and through Johnnie's Gate.
- 3 Bear left, leaving the public path which goes straight on, and go through the second of two 5-bar gates, Barn's Gate, into the Bluebell Woods. Please ignore the "Private" sign at this point.
- 4 Bearing slightly left, follow the path through the Woods. Midway through the Woods a clearing on your left ("The Vista") gives a fine view across fields to the House.
- 5 At the end of the Woods go through Dan's Gate, and enter a field. Go slightly left (not sharp left) and cross the field in the waymarked direction.
- 6 On the further side of the field, go through Hugo's Gate. Turn left and walk along the field boundary for almost 400m.
- 7 Turn left again, and go through Hovingham Gate.
- 8 Cross another field back towards the House. Where a track bears away to the right, bear left instead, passing the conical thatched roof of the Ice House on your left.
- 9 Finally re-enter the grounds of the House via The Gate of the Good Companions and cross the Ha-Ha via Chinese or "Moon Gate" Bridge.

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