

# CHISWICK HOUSE AND GARDENS

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Richard Boyle, 3rd Earl of Burlington built Chiswick House in the 1720's. Burlington was one of the leading cultural figures of the early 18th Century as both an artistic patron and architect. The villa was designed as a place to pursue his interests and display his collections rather than a house; it had no bedrooms or kitchens. The style was based on Roman and Italian Renaissance architecture but Burlington used these to create something new, that later became a model for neo-classical architecture and 'Palladian' country houses across the world.



Visitors to the House and Gardens today can discover the rich history and beauty of this unique west London estate.

The gardens created by Burlington and William Kent were equally innovative, and were pivotal in the development of the 'natural' English Landscape Style. Although comparatively small, they were full of surprise and variety. Many of the features remain today including the classical temple, statues, obelisks, serpentine lake, cascade and Cedars of Lebanon.

Subsequently the property passed to the Dukes of Devonshire. The 5th Duke added wings (demolished in the 1950's) to turn the house into a proper country residence and his son the 6th Duke created the formal Italian gardens, wilderness walks and 300ft conservatory which can still be enjoyed today.

In the 20th Century the house and gardens passed into public ownership and subsequently in 2005, London Borough of Hounslow and English Heritage collaborated to create The Chiswick House and Gardens Trust to oversee a multi million pound landscape restoration project to restore the gardens to their former glory, and care for the site into the future.

## Access Information



- Flat ground, except the Classical Bridge (which can be avoided by walking around the North end of the lake)
- Good surface all main paths

Contact Chiswick House and Gardens Trust on 020 8742 3905 Chiswick House on 020 8995 0508

## Public Transport Information

- Bus: E3,190
- Tube: Turnham Green (District Line), then take then E3 bus from outside the station
- Rail: Chiswick Station, then a 5-10 minute walk along Burlington Lane

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- 2 Cafe & Public Toilets
- 3 Italian Gardens
- 4 Conservatory
- 5 Dukes Avenue
- 6 Temple
- 7 Classical Bridge
- 8 Obelisk
- 9 Cascade
- 10 Hogarth's House



This walk links with Chiswick Cemetery & Dukes Meadows.



**T** Toilets (also disabled)

**P** Car Park

Total Route Length

1.5 miles

2.4 kilometres

← Entrances to the site

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