

## 7: Pet Graves

The Smyths loved their pet dogs and buried them here with mini gravestones to mark the spot.



Photo: Louis Hille

Which pet lived the longest?

## 8: Ha ha

This ditch and wall combination is called a ha ha. It stops animals from roaming into the garden, giving the perfect illusion of country living.

## 8: Mansion south face

Have you noticed that the south face of the mansion isn't symmetrical? The left side was built in 1632 and the right was built in 1810, in line with the fashions at each time.



## 9: Stables

Now a café, these stables used to house the Smyth's riding horses. The horses which worked the land were kept elsewhere on the estate.



## Dos and Don'ts

- Don't stray from the footpaths
- Do keep dogs on leads
- Don't leave any dog foul
- Don't swim or allow your dog to swim in the ponds
- Do take your litter home
- Do report a problem if you see one:  
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- Do enjoy yourself!

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# ASHTON COURT

## Mansion House and gardens walk



A 30 minute walk  
around the mansion  
and formal gardens





## 1: Coach House

This building originally housed the Smyth coaches, but until recently was also used to house the Lord Mayor's coach and horses. Bristol City Council was the last local authority to have a coach and horses for the Lord Mayor.

## 2: The Goram

Meet Goram – legend has it that to win the affections of Princess Avona, Goram dug the Henbury Gorge, but was overshadowed by his brother Vincent, who created the Avon Gorge.



Photo: Louis Hille

## 3: Ice House

This building was used to store ice from the pond throughout the year before the invention of the refrigerator.



### Mansion walk – approx 1.3km (0.8 miles)\*

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🚫 Dog waste bin

P Parking

🪑 Picnic bench

🌅 Viewpoint

\*Access: walk includes steps, uneven ground and steep slopes

## 4: Rose Garden

Back in the Smyth's day this area used to be home to green houses, hot houses, and a mushroom house. 15 years ago, the rose garden you see today was built and maintained with the help of volunteers.

## 5: Sun Dial

Sun dials were used for decoration and to tell the time before the invention of the clock. If you stand in the centre your shadow will tell the time. The sun dial was gifted to Ashton Court Estate by the Bristol International Kite Festival.



Photo: Louis Hille

## 6: Round Pond

This decorative pond originally had a fountain, which was fed by the water catch in the red deer park.

