

# Stoke Park Estate Heritage Features



## **Barn Wood Tunnel (Grade II Listed Building)**

*Barn Wood*

Designed by Thomas Wright and built in c.1750. The tunnel was part of decorative waterway, connected with the collection pool. Designed to be part of a walk to take in the landscaped grounds of Stoke Park Dower House.

[Find out more.](#)

## **Monument to the Duke of Beaufort (Grade II Listed Building)**

*Barn Wood*

Designed by Thomas Wright and built between 1746 and 1763 as a memorial to Norborne Berkeley's brother-in-law (The 4th Duke of Beaufort). The cornice has a deeply incised inscription 'Fraterni Dignus Amaris' (Worth of Brotherly Love).

[Find out more.](#)



## **The Obelisk (Grade II Listed Building)**

*Star Hill*

Built in 1761-2, the Obelisk is a memorial to Norborne Berkeley's niece (Lady Elizabeth Somerset), who was killed in a horse-riding accident.

[Find out more.](#)

## **Barn Wood Collection Pool (Grade II Listed Building)**

*Barn Wood*

Key functional component of the landscape, designed as a watering place for livestock grazing in the park.



## **Arch Connecting Wood Walks from Long Wood to Hermitage Wood (Grade II Listed Building)**

*Long Wood/Hermitage Wood*

Linking the two woodlands, the tunnel carries the historic drove road over the top, now a public right of way.

[Find out more.](#)

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## Duchess Gate (Grade II Listed Building)

*Frenchay Park Road*

Designed by Thomas Wright, built in 1762. Duchess Gate was the key entrance to the Estate in the eighteenth-century.

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## Purdown Gun Battery (Scheduled Monument)

*Purdown*

Second World War heavy anti-aircraft battery. First held guns in 1939 and converted into a permanent reinforced concrete and brick-built battery with octagonal gun emplacements, ammunition bays, blast walls and shelters in June 1940.

[Find out more.](#)



## Tomb of Horatii

*Purdown*

The ruins of a parkland folly, built in the mid-eighteenth century. The monument was inspired by the remains of an ancient Roman tomb, the *Tomb of the Horatii and Curiatii* (Albano, Italy), visited by Norborne Berkeley on his Grand Tour in the 1730s.

## Pale Plantation

*Barn Wood*

Broadleaved woodland planted in 1745.



## The Great Saloon

*Hermitage Wood*

Large circular clearing, planted in 1753.

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## **Cobble ponds**

*Woodlands*

Part of Thomas Wright's landscaped parkland, originally used as a watering hole for animals, and a landmark for users. Ongoing restoration work is being carried out by volunteers as these ponds now provide an important resource for wildlife.

[Find out more.](#)

## **Medieval Pillow Mounds**

*Woodlands*

Structures built during the medieval and post-medieval periods as rabbit warrens to manage rabbit populations for fur and meat. These long, low earthworks, often equipped with drainage ditches, were thought to provide ideal conditions for rabbits to burrow and breed.

