

7: As nature intended

The deer remain on the estate to help our rangers manage the landscape in a more natural way. By doing this we can protect and increase the biodiversity of the site.



8: Red deer

Red deer are the biggest land mammals in Britain. When fully grown males weigh between 100 to 220kg and stand at around 1.3 to 1.5m tall at the shoulder.

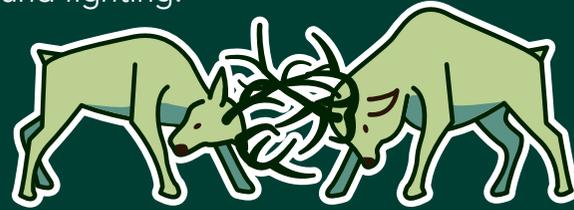


9: What's in a name?

Male red deer are called stags, females are called hinds and young red deer are named calves.

10: Deer courtship

The breeding season, or the rut, occurs in October. Male deer will compete for the attention of the females by roaring and fighting.



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:
www.bristol.gov.uk/reportparkproblem
- Do enjoy yourself!

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ASHTON COURT

Deer walk



A 1 hour trail encompassing the fallow deer and red deer parks



1: History of the Ashton Court Estate deer

The deer park is over 600 years old, making it one of the oldest in the country – owner Thomas Lyon had to get a special license from King Richard II to create it in 1393.

2: Deer diet

Deer eat a great variety of plants – grass, tree leaves and flowers; they even like brambles and ivy. They will also eat yew and ragwort, which contain enough poison kill a cow.



3: Fallow deer

Fallow deer are not native to Britain; they were brought here by the Normans after 1066.



4: What's in a name?

Male fallow deer are called bucks, females are called does and young fallow deer are named fawns.



5: Deer and their young

Fallow deer and red deer give birth to their young between mid-June and mid-July. The mothers will usually give birth and raise their young in the shelter of the woodland.



Deer walk – approx 3.6km (2.2 miles)*

- Deer walk
- Route when deer parks are closed
- Dog waste bins
- Parking
- Picnic bench

*Access: includes uneven ground and steep slopes