

Half-a-day visit:

Fountains Hall

From the Visitor Centre follow the path to Fountains Hall, passing Swanley Grange with its activities for children on the way (school holidays only). Dating back to the 16th Century, the hall has seen many important visitors including the Queen Mother. Exhibitions are held in the hall throughout the year (see events programme for details).

Fountains Abbey

Follow in the footsteps of monks and walk along the path to the abbey. Take a guided tour with one of our informative guides, and find out how this Abbey became the richest monastery in the North of England.

The Water Garden

Take the path that leads across the river from the abbey and walk along towards the water garden. In January snowdrops will nod to you as you pass by. When you reach the Reservoir you can take a path to the right that climbs up to **Surprise View**. Enjoy the magnificent view of the valley and The Abbey in the distance.

If you do not want to climb, a path continues on from the Reservoir to the **Temple of Piety**, an 18th Century building that overlooks the still, reflective ponds.

Cross the bridge over the canal and enjoy the view from the cascades across the lake and into the **Deer Park**. You may see some of the wild deer that live in the park. From the cascades follow the path along the other side of the valley back towards the Abbey. Enjoy the sight of wildflowers on the grassy banks throughout the year.

Visitor Centre

Back at the Visitor Centre enjoy refreshments in the restaurant and find a souvenir of your visit in the shop.