



## Discover Mount Edgcumbe Country Park

Mount Edgcumbe Country Park covers 865 acres of spectacular coastal scenery and countryside – all on Plymouth’s doorstep and just 15 minutes’ away by ferry. Within the Country Park you’ll discover herds of wild deer; formal gardens and landscaped woodlands with breathtaking panoramic views; historic buildings including forts, a temple, a folly and an Orangery; the National Camellia Collection and more than 180 species of trees.

And now there’s a new way to explore the park – a **multi-use trail** suitable for walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, wheelchair users and buggies – whatever the weather!

## A perfect day out in the saddle

The multi-use trail extends from the Lower Park gates at Cremyll along the park road (limited vehicle access), up the hard-surface woodland paths to reach the reinforced grass track which circles the Deer Park. It can be joined at any of the car parks which lie within or near to the Country Park.

Families will find the Deer Park trail easy-going for push-chairs and tricycles – and ideal for young cyclists to practice their bike-riding! – while serious bikers may prefer the slopes and winding woodland sections. Along the way are information points where you can leave your bike and explore some of the Park’s many footpaths – including the **Landscape Trail** which takes in Mount Edgcumbe House, the formal gardens, the beaches and cliffs.

So, if you fancy a change of scenery, why not leave the car behind and take a walk – or a ride – in the park?



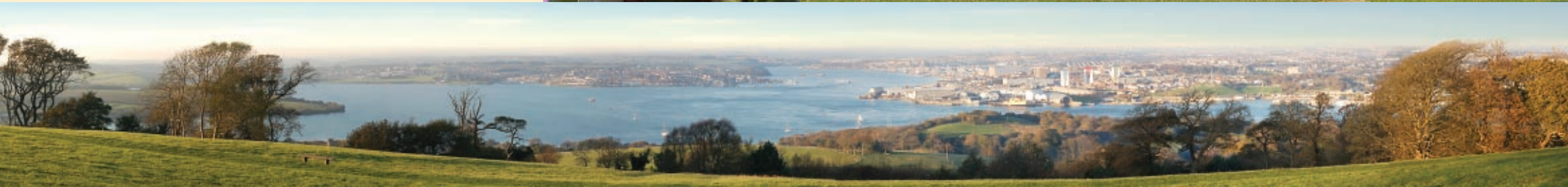
## A park for all seasons

Explore Mount Edgcumbe all year round, from the springtime display of magnificent camellias to the mellow autumnal hues of early December.



## A wildlife habitat

As you travel along the park trails, look out for fallow deer in the early morning, badgers at dusk, as well as squirrels, rabbits and foxes, buzzards, kestrels and sea birds.





## Useful information

### Mount Edgumbe House & Earl's Garden

Historic house, with exhibitions, shop and tea-rooms.  
Open: April – September (closed Fri & Sat); admission charged, concessions available. Tel: 01752 822236

### The Orangery Restaurant

Range of meals and light snacks; licensed.  
Open: daily April – October; restricted hours in winter.  
Tel: 01752 822586

### Local cycle hire

Cycle Action, 1a Harvey Street, Torpoint Tel: 01752 815571

Plymouth Cycle Scene, Hyde Park House, Mutley Plain, Plymouth.  
Tel: 01752 257701 Email: info@plymouthcyclescene.co.uk

Natural Cycles, Benbow Street, Plymouth PL2 1AF.  
Tel: 01752 550729

## National Cycle Network & the Cornish Way

The Mount Edgumbe multi-use trail forms part of the **Cornish Way**, a great way to explore Cornwall's fantastic countryside. The trail also includes part of the **National Cycle Network Route 2**.

For further information contact:

Cornwall County Council Tel: 01872 322001

Sustrans Tel: 0845 113 0065

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

[www.cyclecornwall.com](http://www.cyclecornwall.com)

[www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk](http://www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk)



## Please...

Give walkers the right of way.

Keep dogs under control and clean up after them.

Avoid cycling at speed and warn of your approach.

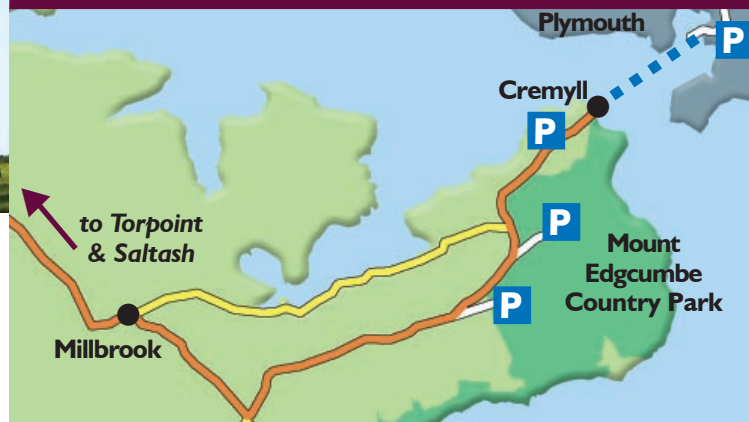
Keep horses to a walking pace.

Use the trail safely and be considerate to other users and wildlife.

Do not drop litter.



## Getting to Mount Edgumbe



### By bike or on foot using the Cremyll Ferry

The Cremyll pedestrian ferry runs daily, all year, from Admirals Hard, Plymouth at least hourly (note last return times!). There is a nearby car park on Durnford Street. **The ferry does take bicycles but call ahead to book as space is limited.**

For timetables, booking and details of other river cruises contact:  
**Tamar Cruising 01752 822105 [www.tamarcruising.com](http://www.tamarcruising.com)**



### By train and bus

The nearest mainline railway station is Plymouth, served by trains from throughout the South West. Buses run from Plymouth and the Rame Peninsula.

**For public transport enquiries, including timetables, contact Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)**



### By car

The Torpoint car ferry runs every 15 minutes. There are Pay & Display car parks at Cremyll and Barrow Park, and a free car park at Maker Church. Disabled visitors can use the car park adjoining the House – signposted from Barrow car park entrance.

## Mount Edgumbe Country Park,

Cremyll, Torpoint,  
Cornwall PL10 1HZ.

Tel: 01752 822236

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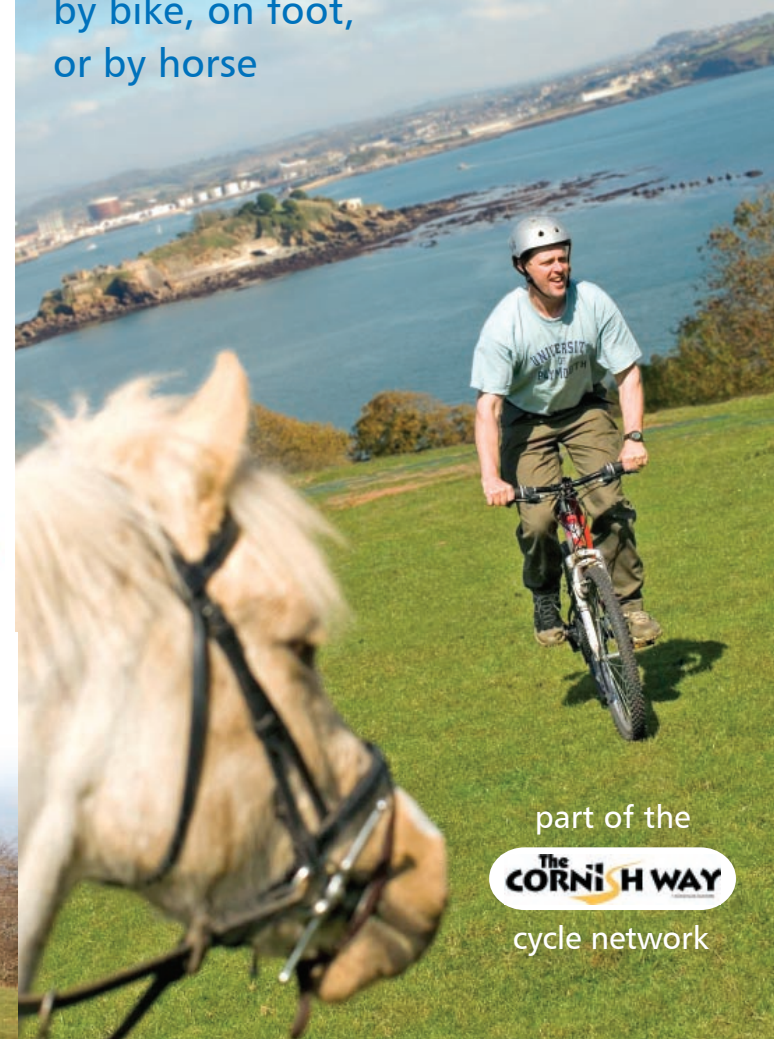
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# MOUNT Edgumbe

## HOUSE & COUNTRY PARK

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Explore the new park trail  
by bike, on foot,  
or by horse



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**House & Earl's Garden**

Rebuilt after World War II bomb damage, the house contains many works of art and family treasures. The Earl's Garden has rare trees, classical garden houses and an exotic Shell Seat.



**The Avenue**

For centuries artists have shown the House framed by its grand avenue. Many trees fell in the 1891 blizzard and in 1944 concrete roads were laid for the D-Day invasion tanks and jeeps.



**The Orangery**

Built in the mid-18th century to house orange trees from Constantinople, the Orangery was bombed in 1941 and the trees, some a century old, died. It is now a restaurant and café.



**Formal Gardens**

Winding paths lead through an enchanting maze of themed gardens – English, Italian, French, American and New Zealand – enhanced with statues, historic buildings and fountains.



**The Blockhouse & Battery**

The Battery was once a saluting platform, its guns fired to greet visitors, before it was rebuilt as part of Plymouth's defences in 1863. The Blockhouse, a Tudor fort, saw action in the Civil War.



**Barn Pool**

This quiet bay has witnessed Viking ships at anchor, the wrecking of the *Catherina von Flessburg* in 1786, and the embarkation of American troops for the D-Day invasion of 1944.



**Barrow Park**

The mound to the north of the car park is a Bronze Age barrow (burial chamber). It has served as a 'prospect mound' from which to view the estate; as a rifle range and a military camp.



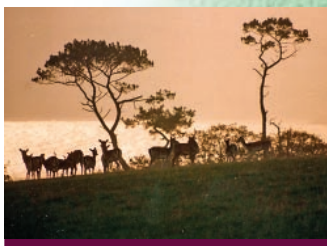
**Harbour View Seat**

An 18th century Doric temple once stood on this site. The view is spectacular – the ferries crossing the Hamoaze; the Tamar Bridge; and Bodmin Moor, Kit Hill and Dartmoor beyond.



**Maker Church**

Home to the Edgcombe family vault, this strategically-sited church was fortified during the Civil War and captured by the Roundheads in 1644. It later acted as a naval signal station.



**Deer Park**

The Deer Park was first enclosed in 1515 by Sir Piers Edgcombe and today's deer are descended from that first herd. In World War II the park was an anti-aircraft and barrage balloon site.

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**Camellia Collection**

Mount Edgcombe has hosted the National Camellia Collection since 1976. From late January to April, follow the Camellia Trail and marvel at the vivid colours of over 1000 varieties of camellia.



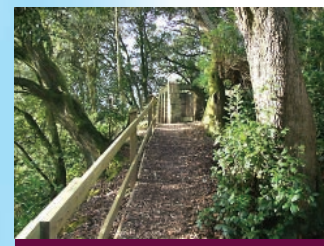
**Temple of Milton**

Built in 1755, this attractively sited Ionic temple is inscribed with an appropriate verse from Milton's epic poem *Paradise Lost* describing 'a woody theatre of staliest view'.



**The Folly**

An 18th century artificial ruin built of stone salvaged from churches in Stonehouse, the Folly has sweeping views of Drake's Island, Plymouth Sound, the Breakwater and Wembury Point.



**The Zig-zags**

Known in the 18th and 19th centuries as 'the Zig-Zags', these steep landscaped paths wound through exotic shrubs, beneath archways and past stone shelters with dramatic views.



**Picklecombe Seat**

Like the Folly, this shelter was built with medieval stone from Stonehouse churches. Beneath it stand the private apartments of Picklecombe Fort, once part of Plymouth's Victorian defences.

**KEY**

- Car park
- Car park for disabled users
- Cycle parking
- Toilets
- Historic building
- National Camellia Collection

**Multi-use trail**

A moderate, hilly, route suitable for cyclists, wheelchair-users, walkers and horse-riders. The trail forms part of the Cornish Way, and includes a section of Route 2 of the National Cycle Network.

The trail includes a sloping road (authorised vehicle access only) from the Cremyll gates to Barrow Park, steep off-road hard-surfaced tracks through woods, and the circular, generally flat, off-road reinforced grass path in the Deer Park (see route profile).

**Landscape Park Trail**

A moderate, hilly, four-mile route for walkers only, around the 18th century landscaped park. Allow at least 2 hours.

**Further information**

Guides are available on site, including a Camellia Trail leaflet. The House & Earl's Garden are open April – Sept. Admission fee. Phone 01752 822236 or visit [www.mountedgcombe.gov.uk](http://www.mountedgcombe.gov.uk)

