

Walking Through Clipstone Park

The Water Meadows

Between 1816 and 1839 the 4th Duke of Portland remodelled 300 acres of the valley of the River Maun between Bath Lane in Mansfield and Edwinstowe to create water meadows. Sewage and street water from Mansfield were channelled along flood dykes and used to improve pasture alongside the river.

Cavendish Lodge

The lodge was built in 1748 for Lady Oxford, the only child of the Duke of Newcastle-on-Tyne and heiress to the Welbeck Estate. She moved here for a quieter life away from the building work taking place at Welbeck Abbey. This site could have earlier been a house associated with one of forges built beside the river. The hexagonal dining room of the lodge was used as a church from 1841 until 1897.

Clipstone Drive

The one mile straight road within the Welbeck Estate was first used for motoring speed trials in 1900. These events attracted an international entry and also included world speed record attempts. Speed trials for both cars and motorcycles continued until 1950 when the condition of the track was considered too dangerous for speeds in excess of 100mph.

Spa Ponds

In the reign of Edward II these ponds were kept for the provision of fish for the king. They are now a nature reserve under community ownership with volunteers maintaining the site and investigating its past.

Clipstone Peel

In 1316 Edward II built a defended enclosure within Clipstone Park during a time of political turmoil. When the timber peel was dismantled during the reign of Edward III the stone gatehouse was left standing with the ruined remains known as Beeston Lodge.

King John's Palace

This large palace complex was visited by all the Plantagenet kings between Henry II in 1181 and Richard II in 1393. By the 13th century the palace site was the largest in the country, covering over seven acres. The buildings were set in a magnificent landscape overlooking the Great Pond containing fish and wildfowl.

The palace site is usually accessible but please respect any notices on the gate as livestock may be grazing Castle Field.

Clipstone Park

Clipstone Park was enclosed in 1178 by Henry II to create a deer park within a seven mile fence adjoining his new palace.

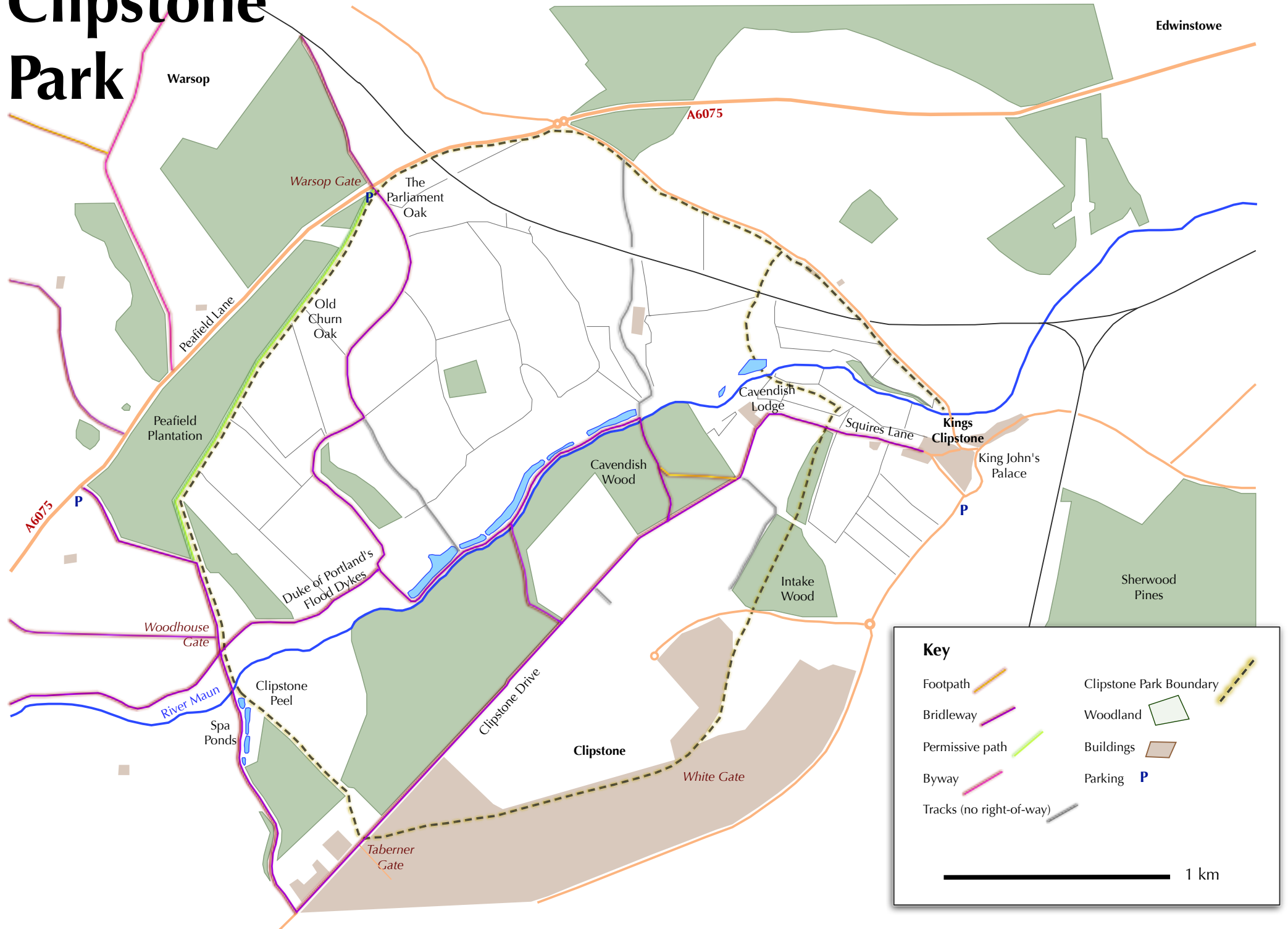
The Parliament Oak

Legends associated to this tree date from as far back as 1212 when King John is said to have hastily called a parliament there to gain approval for the execution of 28 sons of Welsh chieftains held hostage in Nottingham Castle. Stories were also told of King John meeting the rebel Barons before Magna Carta was agreed. Another connection dates from 1290 when Edward I held a parliament at Clipstone.



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Clipstone Park



Edwinstowe

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Warsop Gate
The Parliament Oak

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Cavendish Wood

Intake Wood

Sherwood Pines

Duke of Portland's Flood Dykes

Woodhouse Gate

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