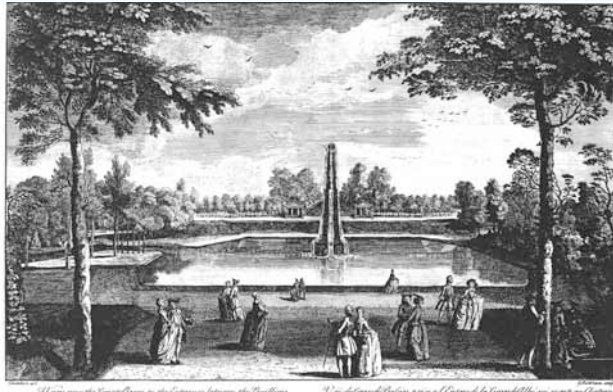
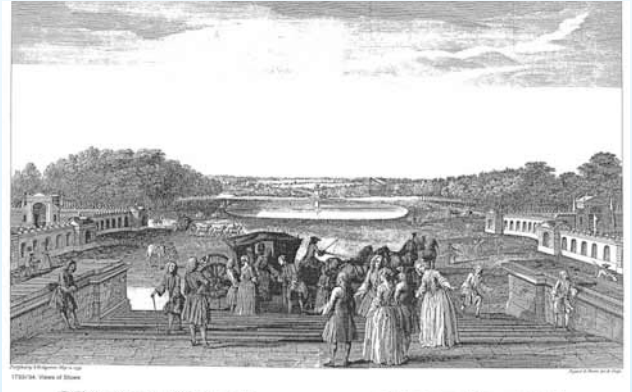


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Leisure at Stowe Landscape Gardens: Then...



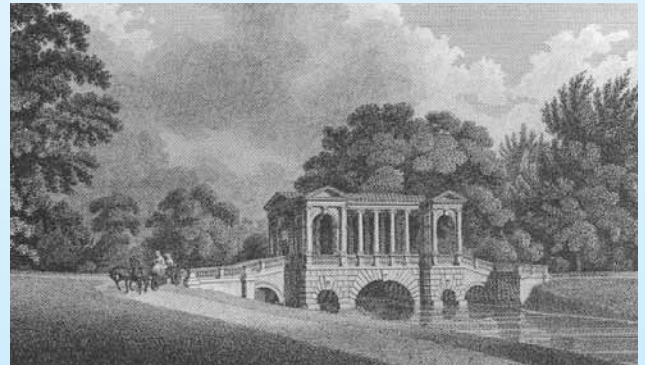
1733 View across Octagon Lake with fountain



1733-34 View from Portico of House to Park



Rollandson's view of C & V



T. Medland's engraving of bridge with carriage c179

Stowe was one of the very first visitor attractions in the 18th century and in 1744 was the first garden to have a tourist guide book. It remains an important visitor destination today.

There are over 40 temples and statues to discover in this 18th century landscape garden which covers approximately 250 acres. Many of these temples and monuments were built to represent the owner's political and social beliefs.

Visitors to the gardens would take a guided walk around the gardens admiring the many temples and monuments. Some of the walks were so long that carriages were used to transport guests from one area of the garden to another.

