

Gardening

As part of the 10th Duke of Buccleuch's ambitious restoration programme for the historic



landscape gardens at Boughton Park, Northamptonshire, a new earthwork has been commissioned to counterbalance the existing flat-topped grass mount.

Orpheus, the landscape designer Kim Wilkie's 50-metres-square inverted grass pyramid that descends in a series of grassy banks to a pool of still water seven metres below the ground, is only revealed as you approach the mount. It provides a unique outdoor chamber for listening to music and watching reflections in the pool.

The gardens, which were laid out during the 17th and 18th centuries, are open from midday to 5pm until the end of the month, and Lance Goffort-Hall, the head gardener at Boughton, leads tours of Orpheus and the rest of the gardens on Wednesdays from noon to 1pm.

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