

# Lechlade



Several pubs, restaurants and shops can be found in the centre of Lechlade.



Lechlade Mill

# Kelmscott

**Kelmscott Manor**  
House open on Wednesdays from April until the end of September. Opening times: 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm. Also on the third Saturday of the month during April, May, June and September, from 2pm – 5pm during July and August, the house is open every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 2pm – 5pm. Telephone 01367 252486 for general enquiries, and to arrange private bookings for group visits. For further information, contact The William Morris Society, Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, Hammersmith, London, W6 9TA. Telephone 0208 7413735 www.kelmscottmanor.co.uk

Ha'penny bridge



St John's lock

**St John's Lock**  
The highest lock on the River Thames, it was built in 1790 by J. Knock. It measures 110' 13" by 14'10", has a fall of approximately 2'8" and uses 38,000 gallons of water every time it is filled. The lock is 123 water miles from and 223' above Teddington.

St John's bridge



The Trout



**World War II Bunkers**  
These were built in 1940-1941, roughly 1/3 mile apart along the river Thames. They were designed as a last line of defence for London and the Midlands against invasion from the south. The Thames acted as an anti tank barrier. Thousands were built in southern England and around the coasts, but the battle for Britain was fought in the air and their mettle was never tested. They were so strongly built that most remain intact today.

Bloomer hole footbridge

**Buscot Lock**  
The smallest lock on the River Thames, it was built in 1790 by J. Knock who also constructed St John's Lock. The lock measures 109'10" x 14'10", has a fall of about 5'7" and uses 55,000 gallons of water every time it is filled. It is the second highest lock on the River Thames, being 122 water miles from Teddington. Until comparatively recently, Buscot Lock was manned by the St John's Lock-keeper who was issued with an extra pair of trousers and a bicycle so that he could ride down to Buscot when required.

Site of old Hartswear



**Buscot Old Parsonage**  
Owned by the National Trust, with private tenants in residence. Visits by arrangement only from the end of March until 27th October, Wednesdays only. For further details and to arrange a visit call the National Trust on 01793 762209.

Cheese wharf

Buscot lock

River Thames

Buscot rectory

Buscot weir pool

**Flash Lock**  
('Paddle and rhymer' weir)  
To navigate upstream using a 'Flash Lock', the wooden paddles which held back the water were removed and the water released in a rush or flash. Boats were then towed up over the shallow riverbed by horsepower. To go downstream, boats rode the flash. This was a crude system, which was slow to operate, as the river level had to be allowed to build up between flashes, quite apart from the dangers



# Buscot

Shop and tea room

**Kempsford House**  
This house is unique in the village, as it is the only 'two-tone' house, all the rest are either made from red bricks from Eaton Hastings brickworks, or grey Cotswold stone. The house has a mainly grey front; but the back, which can be seen from the main road, is red brick. The village pump once stood in the corner of its garden, until the supply became polluted and it had to be abandoned.

**The 'Death House'**  
Originally a waiting room for passengers of the London to Cheltenham Coach, it had a brief spell of use as a storage shed for the publican's bicycle repair business (the door faced the pub yard at the time) before becoming a mortuary for any sudden deaths in the parish, a purpose for which it was last used within living memory.

**Buscot Park House and Gardens**  
House Open from 1st April on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2pm – 6pm, and on Bank Holiday Mondays. Also sometimes open at the weekend. Ring the National Trust number or check the board at the main gate for more information. Garden Open Monday-Friday 2pm – 6pm. Tea Room open Wednesday-Friday from 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Pick your own – Fruit/vegetables/flowers in season. For further info telephone the National Trust on 01367 240786.

Buscot House

Walk 1 (1 hour)

Walk 2 (2-3 miles)

Walk 3 (3 miles)

Lock <

Parking, toilets, restaurant, pub, post office

