

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

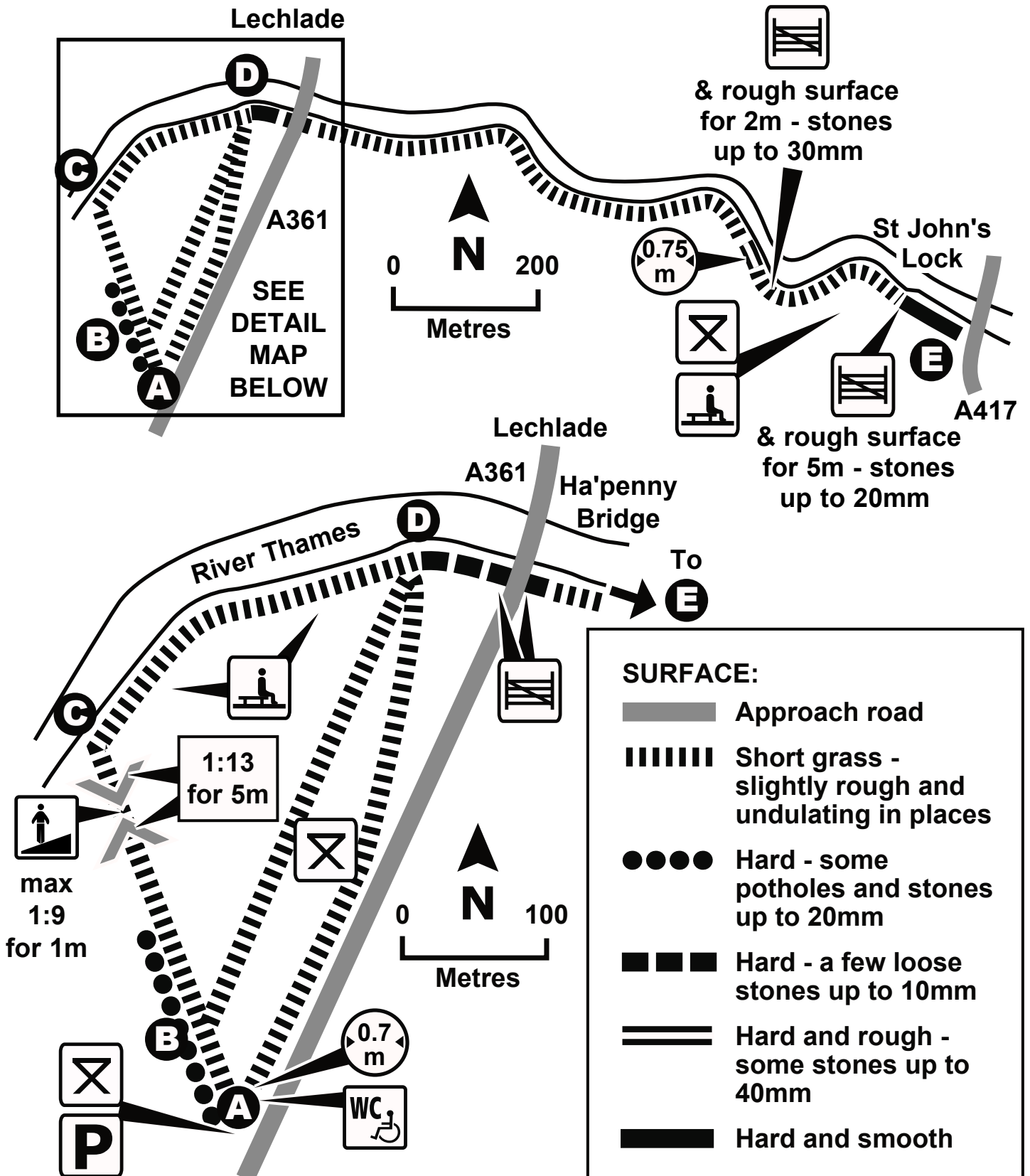
DISTANCE: 1¹/₄ miles (2km)

SLOPE: Max 1:13 for 10m

CROSS SLOPE: Maximum 1:9 for 1m

WIDTH: Mostly wider than 2m but minimum of 0.7m (alternative route available)

A lovely rural stretch of the young River Thames with fine views and the opportunity to visit St John's Lock, the first lock on the river. Avoid winter when flooding possible.



HOW TO GET TO LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

MAP: OS Landranger 163, grid ref SU211990

ROAD: Download free map from www.streetmap.co.uk - insert grid ref above as a Landranger and click search. From Lechlade take A361 south towards Swindon and car park is on right, signed Riverside Park, 400m beyond narrow bridge over River Thames.

NEAREST FACILITIES:



(RADAR key) in car park



Lechlade centre (via 11 rough steps and narrow pavement)

	No designated parking bays but hard and level		Rest area		Width restriction
	Slope - points downhill		Picnic area		Accessible toilets
	Cross slope		Gate		Refreshments

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

There are two routes from the car park across meadows to the River Thames

Either

- A** Take the left route from car park
- B** After 35m you can go right to D through a gap in the hedge, or continue
- C** Turn right next to river to D (here, either turn right back to start or continue to E)

Or

- A** Take the right route from car park
- D** Turn left next to river to C (here, turn left back to start), or right next to river to E
- E** Retrace your route

POINTS OF INTEREST

Lechlade is the highest navigable point of the Thames and its riverside used to be a busy wharf with boats being loaded with salt from Cheshire, and wool, stone and cheese from the Cotswolds for the markets in Oxford and London.

The Neptune-like statue of Old Father Thames created for the



Crystal Palace exhibition in 1851 now resides at St John's Lock.

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