LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

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WIDTH: Mostly wider than 2m but minimum of 0.75m

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.

SURFACE:
- Short grass – slightly rough and undulating in places
- Hard and slightly bumpy – some stones up to 10mm
- Hard and smooth
- Hard and rough - some stones up to 40mm
- Field with rough grass - some rutting by vehicles
- Bare earth

NB Narrow width & poor surface can be avoided when no temporary fencing

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HOW TO GET TO LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

MAP: OS Landranger 163, grid ref SU211990

ROAD: Go to www.gridref.org.uk – insert grid ref above and click ‘find a place’. 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) WC Burford Street, Lechlade, ½ mile Lechlade centre (via 11 rough steps and narrow pavement)

ROUTE DESCRIPTION
There are two routes from car park 1 across meadows to the River Thames
Either
A Take the left route from car park
B Turn right next to river to C (here, either turn right back to start or continue to D)

Or
A Take the right route from car park
C Turn left next to river to B (here, turn left back to start), or right next to river to D
D 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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Path surfaces can change. This information was correct in June 2011