



THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST

Along the Thames Path in the southern Cotswolds

- Start point: Halfpenny Bridge, Lechlade (Start grid ref: SU213993)
- Distance: 4.5 miles
- Route: circular



Directions

1. At Lechlade, go down the steps beside Halfpenny Bridge (grid ref: 214994) to access the Thames Path. Continue along the edge of the meadows.
2. Pass a bridge over the river and turn left by the Round House (grid ref: 205988), then go round a sharp bend in the river. Walk over the footbridge and leave the river behind.
3. Pass a large house and climb a stile onto a narrow lane. You'll need to head left here but first turn right and walk the few yards to explore the Church of St John the Baptist.
4. Retrace your steps to the stile and continue down the lane.
5. Turn right over the busy road (grid ref: 208983) with care and pass several redbrick dwellings.
6. Turn left on a narrow road signed to Buscot (grid ref: 207980) and round a bend to pass a stone farmhouse. Walk on, passed Weston Farm, to the junction.
7. Turn left and walk towards Buscot Wick Farm, following a track round to the right (grid ref: 217978). Through a gate, turn left on the edge of pastures. Join a rough track for a while, then head right for the gate out onto a road.
8. Cross the road (grid ref: 225981) and take the gate opposite, passing a stately house on the way to a stile. Climb the stile and pass St Mary's Church in Buscot.
9. Climb another stile and walk along the edge of a meadow to reach a gate. Follow the path on the river's edge and through a leafy glade.
10. Turn right over a bridge (grid ref: 230980), then left past Lock Cottage and cross the river at the bridge over Buscot Weir. A few yards on is Buscot Lock. Cross it on the lock gate and go over the footbridge.
11. Turn left beside a gate and follow the path along the river and pass Buscot Church and Manor (grid ref: 230982) before taking a sharp right.
12. Turn left over a wooden bridge, then turn right on the other side. Cross the footbridge, walk along to a gate and under a bridge to reach St John's Lock.
13. Walk on to take the gate into a meadow and along to another, then follow the path beside the river back to the bridge at Lechlade to complete the walk.