

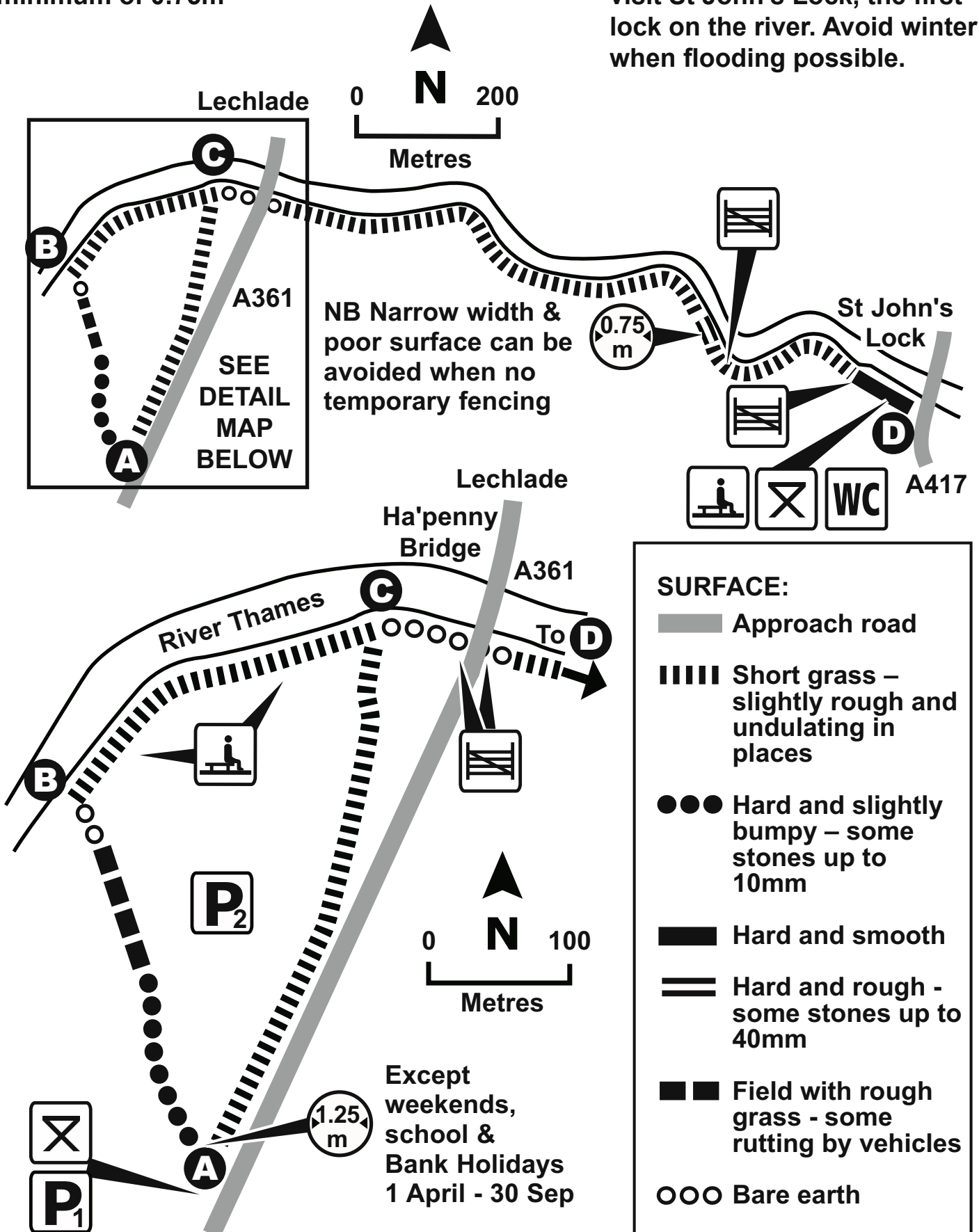
# LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/4 miles (2km)

**SLOPE:** None steeper than 1:12

**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.



# HOW TO GET TO LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

MAP: OS Landranger 163, grid ref SU211990

ROAD: Go to [www.gridref.org.uk](http://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)  
Burford Street,  
Lechlade, ½ mile



Lechlade centre (via 11  
rough steps and narrow  
pavement)



No designated parking bays  
but hard



Toilet



Gate



Rough grass. Summer  
parking only. Parking charge  
£1 during weekends and  
school and Bank Holidays  
from 1 April - 30 Sep



Rest  
area



Width  
restriction



Picnic  
area



Refreshments

## 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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