

Description: Buscot village is in a tranquil and unspoilt stretch of the River Thames making it a haven for wildlife – you will see a beautiful array of flora and fauna on this walk, and if you are lucky, you may see kingfishers and otters too! You can use the National Trust car park and walk down the road to Buscot Weir and Lock to start your walk. The meadow on the right side of the road is a lovely place for a picnic.

Distance: 3 miles **Duration:** approx. 1.5 hrs **Difficulty:** Easy

Refreshments / toilets: Buscot Village Tea room has a range of refreshments. Next to the tearoom are toilets (including accessible)

Getting here by road: Buscot village on A417 between Faringdon and Lechlade.

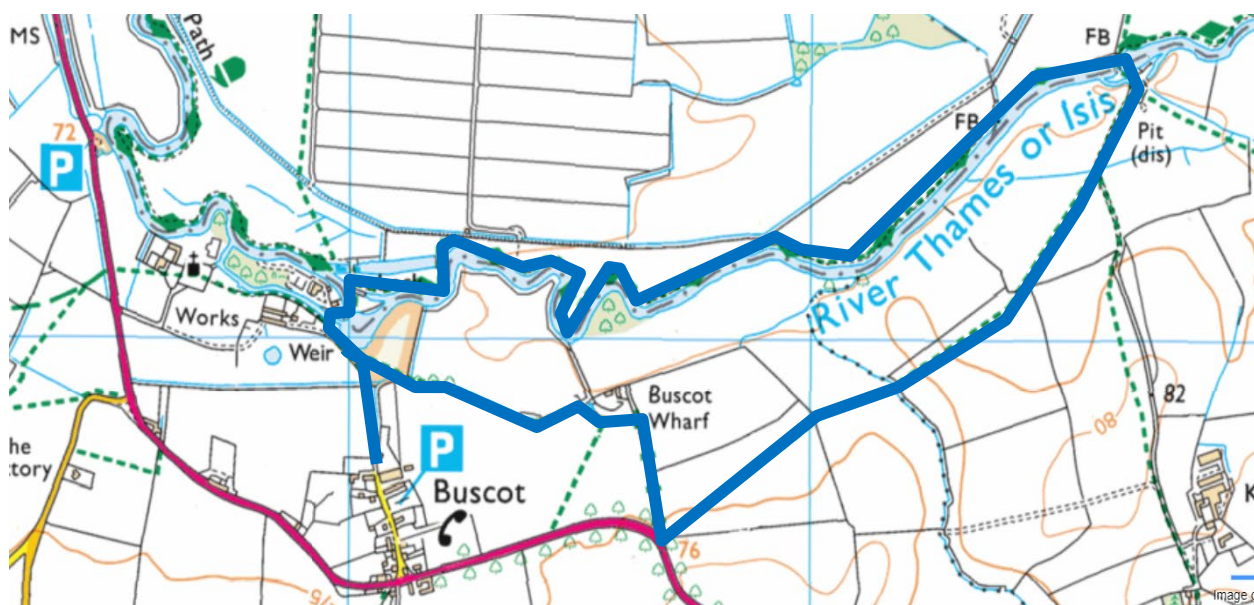
Parking: Buscot village National Trust car park, National Trust members park free, just scan your membership card at the parking machine, and for non-members it costs £4 per day or £2 for up to 2 hours.

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Photo: Kingfisher near the river. Credit D Mayon- White



Route Description

This is a good walk of 3 miles that adds interest to a visit to the village of Buscot which is looked after by the National Trust.

Start: Use the National Trust car park and walk down the road to Buscot Weir and Lock for the start point. The meadow on the right side of the road is a lovely place for a picnic.

As you approach the weir, you pass a foot path on your left that leads to the church - worth a diversion if you have time - and then the entrance to a boat yard. The boat yard is on a former industrial site called Brandy Island, as explained in the excellent information board by the lock. The path to the lock is on the right side, passing a tiny cottage in an idyllic spot by the weir.

For the circular walk, follow the Thames Path down-river towards Kelmscott for a mile and a half until you reach a foot bridge that crosses the river to the Anchor Boat Club. The white building was once an inn. There is a public right of way through the Boat Club and along the farm track.

About 250 yards along the track, a foot path on the right side leaves at an angle up a gentle slope towards a tree and a gate in the hedge. This path is indicated in places by posts with yellow fingers.

After four fields the path reaches a bend in the A417 road. Fortunately, the circular walk avoids the road, because it goes down the track to your right. Just before the house down this track, there is a footpath running along the edge of the garden. This leads back to the meadow by Buscot Weir.

Now you have earned a cup of tea and some of the delicious food in the village cafe (the former post-office) near the car park. There are toilets close by. If you are feeling up for more exercise, there are also good walks in the grounds of Buscot Park (National Trust) about a mile along the road to Faringdon.