

## Planning your journey

When you go by bus, train and tram you won't need to worry about driving unfamiliar routes, finding somewhere to park or keeping the kids entertained along the way.

You will all be free to relax and enjoy the views on your route.

The walk starts and finishes near the centre of Disley, outside the Rams Head pub. The pub is next to the entrance to the station and there are also convenient bus stops on A6 Buxton Road West near the station entrance.

Disley is easy to reach by train because it is on the rail route between Manchester and Buxton. Hourly Blackpool - Buxton trains run direct to and from Bolton, Salford Crescent, Manchester stations and Stockport. The trains also stop at other intermediate stations on the way to Disley. The journey from Manchester Piccadilly takes about half an hour.

Transpeak is an express bus service running between Manchester, Stockport and Nottingham. The bus runs via Disley every two hours, seven days a week and provides a fast service to and from Stockport and Manchester. TP runs from Manchester Central Coach Station and Stockport Bus Station. Bus 199 (the 'Skyline' service) runs direct between Manchester Airport Bus Station, Stockport Bus Station and Disley every half hour during weekday daytimes and hourly in the evenings and on Sundays and public holidays.

Most public transport services run until around 11pm Mondays to Saturdays. Last services may run a little earlier on Sundays and public holidays.

We've made general recommendations for your journey, based on starting points in different Districts of Greater Manchester below but for details of exact times and routes please phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33\*

Starting and finishing from (area or district)	The information shown is for your guidance. Please phone Traveline 0871 200 22 33* for details of exact routes and times.
<b>Bolton</b>	Check if there is a convenient train service direct to Disley, otherwise, catch a bus or train to Bolton town centre and catch a direct train from Bolton Interchange. Alternatively catch a bus or train to Manchester city centre, and then catch a train from Manchester Piccadilly station or bus TP from Manchester Central Coach Station to Disley. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>
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<b>Manchester</b>	If you live near the direct rail route to Buxton or TP bus route catch the bus or train direct to Disley from the nearest convenient station or stop. Alternatively catch a bus, train or tram to Manchester city centre and catch a train from Manchester Piccadilly station or bus TP from Manchester Central Coach Station to Disley. If you live near a bus route to Manchester Airport, change at the Airport to bus 199. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>
<b>Oldham Rochdale Wigan</b>	Check if there is a convenient bus or train service direct to Manchester, otherwise catch a bus or train to your nearest town centre and make a direct connection to Manchester from there. Then catch a bus or train to Manchester city centre and catch a train from Manchester Piccadilly station or bus TP from Manchester Central Coach Station to Disley. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>
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<b>Stockport</b>	If you live near the direct rail route to Buxton or bus TP or 199 routes catch the bus or train direct to Disley from the nearest convenient station or stop. Otherwise catch a bus or train to Stockport and catch a train from Stockport station or bus TP or 199 from Stockport Bus Station to Disley. If you live near a bus route to Manchester Airport, change at the Airport to bus 199. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>
<b>Tameside</b>	Check if there is a convenient bus service direct to Stockport town centre and catch a train from Stockport station or bus TP or 199 from Stockport Bus station to Disley, otherwise catch a bus, train or tram to Manchester city centre and catch a train from Manchester Piccadilly station or bus TP from Manchester Central Coach Station to Disley. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>
<b>Trafford</b>	Catch a bus or tram to Manchester city centre and catch a train from Manchester Piccadilly station or bus TP from Manchester Central Coach Station to Disley. Alternatively catch a bus, train or tram to Altrincham town centre and catch a bus or train from Altrincham Interchange to Stockport. Then catch a train from Stockport station or bus TP or 199 from Stockport Bus Station to Disley. If you live near a bus route to Manchester Airport, change at the Airport to bus 199. <i>The return journey is the reverse of above.</i>

## Getting more information

### By phone (ideal when you're out and about!)

**Buses, trains and trams:** Phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33\* (7am - 8pm Mon to Fri, 8am - 8pm Sat & Sun and public holidays) for information about bus, train and tram times and the tickets that will suit you best.

**Trains:** For up-to-the-minute information about the next train from any Greater Manchester rail station, simply phone 'How's my train running?' on 0161 228 0322 and follow the instructions given. Our automated service will tell you what time the next train is and if there are any delays.

**Buses:** You can check bus times from most bus stops using your mobile phone.

- **Key in** the bus stop code on your mobile phone - the code is shown on the bus stop plate.
- **Text** the code to number 84268.
- **Read** the text reply giving you timetable information for buses using your stop. (Service costs 25p plus the standard charge from your mobile phone service provider.)

### Online

Full information about public transport services and a journey planner is available online at [www.gmpte.com](http://www.gmpte.com)

### In print

GMPTe produce a range of timetables and information about public transport which you can pick up at any **GMPTe Travelshop**.

### By post

Ask for leaflets to be posted to you by phoning 0871 200 22 33\* saying which leaflet or timetable you require.

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## Choosing and buying tickets

You'll enjoy great value when you travel by public transport. Travel costs less 'off-peak' - after 9.30am on weekdays, or anytime at the weekends or on public holidays. Single tickets are available for every public transport journey and some companies also offer returns and their own 'day' tickets that are valid on their services only.

Whichever ticket you choose for yourself, accompanied children under five travel free.

We recommend Wayfarer tickets to make this trip.

### To travel further by bus, train and tram OFF-PEAK

Wayfarer tickets are ideal if you're travelling further afield for the day. You can use them for travel throughout Greater Manchester and also parts of Derbyshire, Lancashire, Cheshire and Staffordshire. With a Wayfarer ticket you can travel by bus at any time and by train and tram after 9.30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and public holidays.

- **Wayfarer Adult** £10.00
- **Wayfarer Group** £20.00 (up to four people, including two adults)
- **Wayfarer Concession** £5.00 (aged 5-15 or 60 and over)

Available in advance from GMPTe Travelshops, staffed rail stations and tourist information centres in the Peak District. You cannot buy them on the bus, on the train or at Metrolink tram stops.

### Season ticket holders

Don't forget if you have a Traincard, CountyCard or County Bus Saver you can use it to travel throughout Greater Manchester. And if you have a Greater Manchester rail season ticket (for journeys between two Greater Manchester rail stations) you can travel by train anywhere in Greater Manchester at weekends and public holidays. If you are travelling to the destination in this leaflet you will need to make an additional payment for the section of your journey outside Greater Manchester.

All prices shown correct September 2009.

## Places to GO...

### Exploring Lyme Park

Beautiful parkland and stunning hall

Walk route and public transport information



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Please note that some of this information is now out of date.

This may include the walking route, contact numbers and public transport information.

Welcome to GMPTe's 'Places to Go' guide

## Exploring Lyme Park

Beautiful parkland, woods and moors, panoramic views and wonderful historic buildings

Lyme Park with its stunning hall and tranquil gardens lies in a spectacular setting on the very edge of the Peak District. It's a wonderful destination for a day out and offers a choice of walks, history to explore and an excellent choice of places to eat, drink and relax. Our walk makes an excellent introduction to this diverse and varied destination and we are sure you will want to return again and again.

Park gates open at 8am from April to mid October and are locked at 8.30pm. From mid October until March, they are open 8am to 6pm. Entrance to the park is FREE for visitors on foot. An admission charge is made for entrance to the house and gardens (National Trust members free). For more information phone the Estate Office on 01663 762023 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



This is one of a range of GMPTe 'Places to Go' guides, giving you ideas for walks, attractions, places to visit and things to see in Greater Manchester and surrounding areas. The guides are completely FREE and each one gives you carefully researched, helpful information about the places featured, recommended routes for superb walks and details of how to get there and back by public transport.



If you would like other 'Places to Go' guides:

- Call at a GMPTe Travelshop (at bus stations in Greater Manchester).
- Visit [www.gmpte.com](http://www.gmpte.com) where you can order online.
- Phone 0871 200 22 33 and leave your details.

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## Make it an even better day out

Start your walk by stepping onto a bus, train or tram.

You don't need a car to get out there and enjoy yourself! Simply step onto a bus, train or tram and you're on your way to a great day out, by yourself or with friends or family. The adventure begins from the moment you step out of the door.

Greater Manchester has an excellent public transport system that'll take you where you want to go quickly and easily. It's a fun way to get out and about, no-one has to drive so you can all enjoy the journey - and you don't have to worry about traffic jams, getting directions or parking problems. Better still, at the end of the walk everyone is free to relax in the pub!

See inside for a handy guide to:

- Planning your journey
- Getting more information
- Choosing and buying tickets

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# Exploring Lyme Park

A varied walk through parkland with fascinating features, historic house and gardens and breathtaking views.

## Walk route

**Start and finish:** Disley rail station or bus stops on A6 Buxton Road West next to The Rams Head pub.

A free courtesy bus runs between the admissions hut (near the main gate off the A6) to a pick-up and drop-off point near the house, at times when the house is open. For more information phone the Estate Office on **01663 762023**, or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Distance:** 4 miles.  
**Time:** 4 hours. If you visit the hall or gardens allow an extra hour for each.

**Terrain:** Mostly gentle climbs and descents, and easy walking along roadways and paths. There is a sharp incline near the start and some steps in the park. Some walking on grass is required which may be slippery or muddy.

**Family friendly:** Ideal for families, but keep children and dogs well supervised near water. There are many facilities for children including a play area.

**Accessibility:** The walks are not suitable for wheelchairs.

**Recommended footwear:** Sturdy footwear or walking shoes.

For details of optional walks to **Paddock Cottage** and **The Lantern** see panels.



## Things to look for and do

- Nature & wildlife:** Woodland and moorland flora and fauna, ponds and lakes with waterside birds and flowers, rare breed cattle and red deer, formal gardens with a huge variety of flowers.
- History:** Tudor hall converted into Italianate palace with superb interiors and carvings, mediaeval deer park, The Cage, the 17-acre Victorian garden and The Lantern.
- General interest:** Regular events in the house, 'Pride & Prejudice' tours, guided tours of house, garden and park, children's play area. National Trust gift shop. Seasonal entertainments.
- Food and drink:** Restaurant in the hall, Coffee Shop beside the Mill Pond; Ice cream kiosk in the car park (open Friday to Tuesday).
- Toilets:** Near the Timber Yard Coffee Shop, near the restaurant in the house and in the gardens.

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From Disley rail station and the bus stops walk past the front of The Rams Head public house to Red Lane that runs along its left side. Walk up Red Lane - it's a steep climb up to the church at first then levels out. You go past the entrance to the churchyard on the left, and then look for the view of the bowling greens to the right. Carry on past the large houses that then give way to fields and trees. You'll see The Cage - Lyme Park's hunting tower in the distance - on your left, and then you will reach the park gates. Go through these to the vehicle admissions payment hut. This part of the walk is around half a mile in length.

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Passing the admissions hut walk straight-ahead (do not turn left up the main road towards the hall) and cross the small bridge with a cottage to your left. Another small bridge takes you over a stream and you will see the Ladybrook Valley Interest Trail here. There is a stile here at the entrance to Elmerhurst Wood. Climb over and follow this lovely trail through the trees and open countryside, then more woods for ¾ mile, after which you will emerge near some cottages on your right. At this point you have reached the Mill Pond and the Coffee Shop and toilets.

## Additional walk to Paddock Cottage

**Time:** Allow an additional 45 - 60 minutes.  
**Distance:** 1 ¼ mile.

**Terrain:** Grass and footpaths sometimes muddy and with some steep inclines.

**Accessibility:** Not suitable for wheelchairs.

**Recommended**

**footwear:** Walking shoes.

From the Mill Pond follow the path to the main roadway. Keep right and follow the road up the incline to your right near the children's play area. Continue to follow this towards The Knott, an undulating section of ground to your left. The roadway takes you between two low hills at the edge of the moors and you will see a wonderful vista of Manchester and Cheshire. Carry straight on until you reach the end of the paved roadway where the path curves round to the left. Go through the gate and down the stony path into a fabulous wooded walk, with a stream running alongside and an abundance of wildlife. Keep an eye out on the left for a delightful seat in the shape of a squirrel, carved from a fallen tree trunk. You will soon get to a steep, well-defined track on your left - you'll clearly see that it is heading up to open moors. Walk up here into the open and near the top of the hill look out for Paddock Cottage. Take a moment to catch your breath and savour the wonderful views, then head down the track ahead of you towards the wall, with The Cage in the distance to your left. Follow the wall along to a gate near the small pool, go through the gate and follow the grass pathway across Drinkwater Meadow until it reaches the children's play area near the Mill Pond where you started.

Paddock Cottage has restricted opening times. For more information phone the Estate Office on 01663 762023 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



## Additional walk to The Lantern

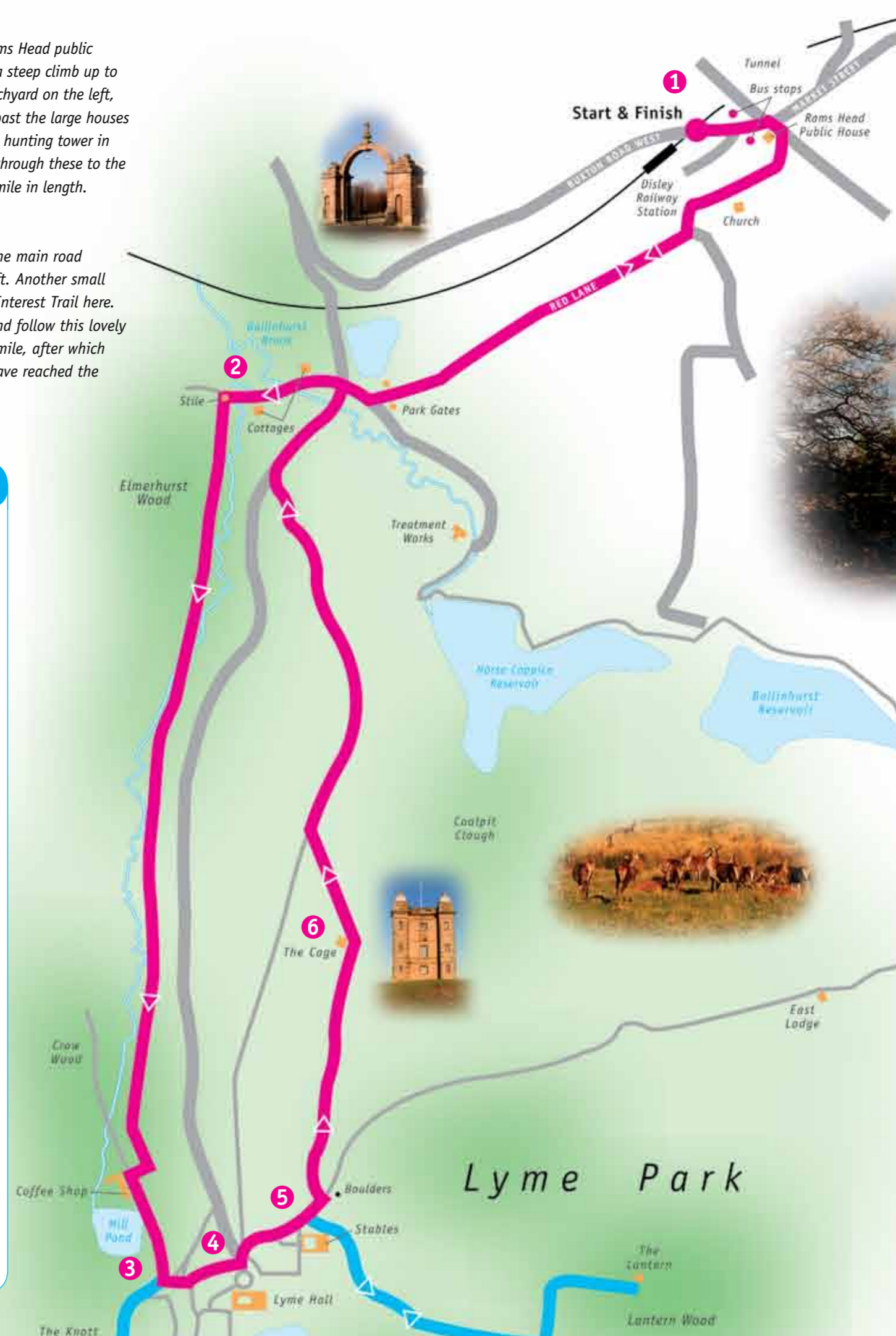
**Time:** Allow an additional 40 minutes.  
**Distance:** 1 mile.

**Terrain:** Grass and footpaths, sometimes muddy and with some steep inclines.

**Accessibility:** Not suitable for wheelchairs.

**Recommended footwear:** Walking shoes.

If you would like to visit The Lantern, go past the Stables and head up the path on your right. This will bring you to a great viewpoint by the fascinating tower that was built in 1729. Return by the same route.



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Follow the path until it joins the main roadway. This is the point of departure for the optional walk to Paddock Cottage (see panel left). There is an ice cream kiosk here, open Fridays to Tuesdays. If you are not visiting Paddock Cottage continue to step 4.

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With your back to the Mill Pond, look for the steps over to the left and follow them up to Lyme House. Walk through the impressive courtyard entrance, taking time to look at the splendid façade. There is a shop here and leaflets and guidebooks to the house are available.



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Coming back out of the house, head to your right past the Stables. Look for the charming weather vane above the entrance featuring a traditional hunting scene. This is the departure point for the optional walk to The Lantern (see panel below).

Otherwise (or after your visit to The Lantern) carry along the main path heading out into open moorland until you reach a series of large marker boulders on your right. Leave the path here and take the grass track to The Cage, an eighteenth century hunting tower with a superb sundial and a thought-provoking inscription. From here you have some of the finest views in the region with Manchester and the Cheshire plain to your left, the Derbyshire peaks to your right and the hills immediately behind the hall to your rear.

The Cage is open to the public from 1pm - 4pm on the second and fourth weekends each month between April and October. For more information phone the Estate Office on 01663 762023, phone the recorded information line 01663 766492 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

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From The Cage, follow the path across the hillside for half a mile back to the admissions hut. From here follow the path back to the park gates and then retrace your route along Red Lane to the rail station and bus stops.

## The Hall and Garden

### Lyme Hall

Lyme Hall was the country seat of the Legh family for 550 years. The current hall is an eighteenth century conversion of the Elizabethan structure, by Venetian architect Giacomo Leoni - with amendments in the nineteenth century by Lewis Wyatt. Inside, you'll get a sense of its long history with rooms reflecting the Elizabethan, Stuart, Georgian and Edwardian eras. The state rooms feature Mortlake tapestries, Grinling Gibbons woodcarvings and an important collection of English clocks. The exterior has many fascinating features, too - notably a wonderful entrance courtyard and a beautiful rear façade, best seen reflected across the lake in the garden. Access to the restaurant is also through the house entrance. You may have already seen the house as 'Pemberley' in the BBC television adaptation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice.

The hall is open 11am-5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week from March to October. A charge is made for admission to the house or a combined house and gardens admission is available. For more information phone the Estate Office on 01663 762023, or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

### The Garden

The entrance to the Garden is through the hall entrance. Follow the walk to the right and look down into the attractive sunken Dutch Garden. You will then reach a small building; go left and carry on around the lake, looking over to your right for the very best view of the house. The path carries on to your right and reaches the Killtime area and Hampers Bridge. Look out for the numbers carved into the stones of the bridge: these are masons marks, used to calculate their wages based on the amount of stones they had worked. The path then turns back on itself to the wonderful formal gardens. Don't miss the Rose Garden. Make a point of visiting the Orangery with its delightful fountain and 175-year old camellias. Take a slight detour to your right to look at the Wyatt Garden and as you go down the steps to the South Lawn you'll get a great view of The Lantern on the wooded hill ahead. You could easily spend a pleasant half-day in the gardens.

The garden is open daily 11am to 5pm from mid March until the end of October. During March, October and December the garden is open for restricted visiting times at weekends. For more information phone the Estate Office on 01663 762023, or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

