



National Trust

Lyme

Lyme sits in 570 hectares (1,400 acres) of parkland, with glorious views across Manchester and the Cheshire Plain. The lavish interiors of the house reflect the life of a great estate, focussing on Lyme’s fascinating history during the regency period, under the stewardship of Thomas Legh. An intrepid traveller and collector, Thomas was also the architect of the revival of the estate during the first part of the 18th century. In more recent times, Lyme has featured as ‘Pemberley’ in the BBC adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* starring Colin Firth. Lyme’s gardens with the Reflection Lake, Orangery and Rose Garden are wonderful place to relax and stroll.

Things to do at Lyme

- Dress up in Regency costume in the wardrobe department
- Play regency garden games on the West Terrace
- Play billiards in the long gallery
- Follow the route around the house as originally designed by Thomas Legh and Lewis Wyatt
- Enjoy a private tour of the house and gardens
- Take Afternoon Tea in the Salting Room Tea Parlour and the beautiful Wyatt Garden.

Planning Your Group Visit

Opening Times	Dates	Times	Days Open for Groups						
House	16 Feb – 30 Mar	11am – 4pm	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	31 Mar – 3 Nov	11am – 5pm	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Garden	16 Feb – 3 Nov	11am – 5pmpm	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Park	Open all year*	8am – 6pm	M	T	W	T	F	S	S

*Except 25 December

House also open Thursdays in June, July & August.

To help ensure your visit goes without a hitch we ask that groups of 15 or more pre-book no later than 2 weeks in advance, and the maximum group size we can accommodate is 50. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate groups at weekends or Bank Holidays, and may have to refuse entry to coaches at other times who haven't pre-booked.

In order to confirm your booking and avoid any disappointment, please complete and return the booking form no later than 2 weeks before your visit. To get the most of your time with us we recommend you allow at least 3 hours.

Visitor Drop Off & Collection

Your coach group will be admitted and directed by the admissions staff at the kiosk on the driveway. Coaches should make their way to the house where they will be greeted by a member of the Visitor Experience Team before disembarking. Coach parking is found in the main car park. The Tour Guide should make their way to the Ticket Office on arrival.

At the end of their visit, groups should make their way back to the coach in the main car park unless arranged otherwise with the Visitor Experience Team.

Drivers

As well as providing your driver with a voucher for a complimentary tea/coffee they will also receive a free ticket to the house and garden.

Tickets & Payment

Admission Charges	Group Rate*	Normal Admission	Coach Parking
House & Garden	£11.55	£13.80	Free
Garden only	£7.55	£9.00	
Park only	Free		Coach £25.00 Minibus £12.00

* NT Members free

Private Group Tours

Please contact the Lyme Estate Office directly with the details and needs of your group for rates on private House and/or Garden tours.

Payment should be made as a single payment by the group leader on the day of the visit by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at the Ticket Office in the House. Alternatively payment for the whole group can be made by BACS no later than 1 week in advance – please call for details.

The prices quoted are per person and the group rate applies to pre-booked parties of 15 and over only. Children aged 5 – 17 are charged at half the adult group rate. National Trust Members are always admitted free of charge and should bring their membership cards with them.

Cancellation & Non-Arrival

Should you wish to cancel your Group Visit we ask that you give at least 2 weeks' notice. In event of non-arrival of your group or cancellation of your visit with less than 2 weeks' notice, we reserve the right to charge you the full value of the planned visit, including but not limited to, any catering, room bookings and private tours of the house or garden.

Where to Eat

There are a number of catering options available for groups.

The Ale Cellar

Originally used to store the ale produced at Lyme, the cellar now houses Lyme's Tea Rooms. It has seating capacity for approximately 50 people and is open for a delicious range of light lunches and snacks, hot and cold drinks, wines, locally produced beers and sweet treats.

The Timber Yard Café

The Timber Yard Café is located by the mill pond, just a short walk from the main car park. Originally used as a workshop for the estate it is now a counter service café with seating for approximately 70 people. It serves a range of hot and cold drinks, as well as cakes and sweet treats, a choice of hot and cold sandwiches, hot snacks, ice creams and lollies.

The Servants' Hall

The Servants' Hall is an impressive oak panelled room where the Legh family's servants used to take their meals. It is now used by pre-booked groups and as an additional catering facility on busy days. It has seating for 40 people and serves a selection of sandwiches, cakes, hot and cold drinks.

Salting Room Tea Parlour and Wyatt Garden

This traditional English tea room was once used to hang and cure meats produced on the estate. Along with the adjoining Wyatt garden, is a beautiful place in which to take afternoon tea. The room seats approximately 20 people. Booking is essential – please call 01663 761400.

Shopping

Our shops sell a wide range of goods inspired by our special places. They include home and kitchenware, preserves, marmalades, biscuits and confectionery, books, decorative garden accessories, games, clothing accessories, giftware and crafts.

Opening Times :

- The Hall Shop and Pre-Loved Book Shop
Open Daily, 10 Feb – 4 Nov

- The Timber Yard Shop
Open Daily

Accessibility

Lyme is a hilly location and there are a number of flights of steps in the garden. The parkland has a number of short flat footpaths, most however involve changes of elevation. There are cobbles in various locations. (Detailed access guide on website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme-park-house-and-garden). Please call for further information or to arrange a familiarisation visit.

Photography

Photography is allowed in the house without flash.

Prams & Bags

In order to protect our collection from accidental damage we ask that prams, bags and other large items are not taken in the house. For your convenience we have lockable pram storage in the courtyard, as well as lockers for large bags. Additional storage can be found in the Porter's lodge – just ask one of our Courtyard volunteers for assistance.

Directions

The park is located 6½ miles South East of Stockport and 12 miles North West of Buxton. For satellite navigation purposes please use postcode **SK12 2NR** and stay on the A6.

If Travelling Clockwise on M60

Exit the motorway at Junction 26 signposted Stockport (East and Centre) and follow signs for Marple A626/A6 Buxton.

If Travelling Anti-Clockwise on M60

Exit the motorway at Junction 1 (Town Centre) and at the roundabout take the 2nd exit signposted A5145 Stockport Town Centre and follow the signs for A6 Buxton.

From the South on M6

Exit M6 motorway at J17 Sandbach. Follow signs for Congleton, then Macclesfield, then take A523 towards Stockport. Go through the village of Poynton and after approximately 2 miles with the Rising Sun pub on your right, follow the signs for A6 Buxton. The park is approximately 3 miles on the right hand side from this junction.

Coaches arriving from a southerly direction need to be aware of the tight left turn into the park. It is preferable to approach from the north.

Other Special Places Nearby

<p>Hare Hill Garden Wooded Garden with central walled garden Over Alderley Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 4PY</p>	<p>Alderley Edge Dramatic red sandstone escarpment with impressive views Macclesfield Road Nether Alderley Macclesfield SK10 4UB</p>	<p>Quarry Bank Mill Industrial heritage site showing how a complete industrial community lived Styal, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 4LA</p>
<p>Nether Alderley Mill Charming and rustic corn mill Congleton Road Nether Alderley Macclesfield Cheshire, SK10 4TW</p>	<p>Kinder, Edale & the Dark Peak Heather-clad moors and gritstone tors near Hope Valley Derbyshire S33 8WA</p>	<p>Tatton Park Neo-classical mansion, Medieval Old Hall, gardens, deer park & rare breed farm. Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN</p>
<p>Dunham Massey Britain's largest winter garden set within ancient parkland Altrincham Cheshire WA14 4SJ</p>	<p>Biddulph Grange Garden Delightful high Victorian garden - an extraordinary survival from the 19th century Grange Road, Biddulph Staffordshire, ST8 7SD</p>	<p>Eyam Hall and Craft Centre The remarkable story of an enduring spirit Main Street, Eyam Derbyshire S32 5QW</p>

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