

The Stockyard - Lacock - Cheddar Gorge - Ashton Court

This run is at the planning stage

The proposal is leave the Stockyard promptly at 9:00, travel down the M1 and M69 to pick up a Fosse way a Roman Road through the Cotswolds to Lacock NT, to look around its many interesting attractions, picnic here or visit on of the many cafes or pubs, then its on to our overnight stop, possibly the Premier Inn nr Chippenham.

The following day we will make for the Rally site via The Cheddar Gorge <http://www.cheddargorge.co.uk/>

Lacock Tourist Information Guide

Lacock village is near the town of Chippenham (3 miles) in North Wiltshire. The village, which dates from the 13th century and has many limewashed half-timbered and stone houses, was used as a location in the TV and film productions of Pride and Prejudice, Moll Flanders and Emma.

The Abbey also featured in the recent Harry Potter films.

THE LACOCK VILLAGE AND ABBEY STORY



A visit to the village is akin to taking a step back in time, owned and managed by the National Trust,

it has been beautifully preserved and unchanged since it was a thriving township that traded in wool.



Lacock village has been the venue for many film makers, the popular TV programme, The Cranford Chronicles, was filmed here as was some of the shots in the Harry Potter movie, Larkrise to Candleford and Lost in Austen were amongst the many of the other films requiring an authentic background. The village church of St.Cyriac featuring in most. A major feature in Lacock is the Abbey that was founded in 1229 by Ela Countess Dowager of Salisbury



Lacock Abbey

Founded in 1232 and converted into a country house c.1540, the fine medieval cloisters, sacristy, chapter house and monastic rooms of the Abbey have survived largely intact. The handsome 16th-century stable courtyard has half-timbered gables, a clockhouse, brewery and bakehouse. The Victorian woodland garden boasts a fine display of spring flowers, magnificent trees, an 18th-century summer house, Victorian rose garden, newly restored botanic garden and ha-ha.



Fox Talbot Museum

The Museum of Photography commemorates the achievements of a former resident of the Abbey, William Henry Fox Talbot (1800-77), inventor of the negative/positive photographic process and whose descendants gave the Abbey and village to the Trust in 1944.