

# *How to be a Responsible Visitor*



At Blenheim Palace we are working to become the most sustainable destination we can, but we need your help. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor you have a very important role to play in helping us to conserve our natural assets and reduce climate change.

Here are some ideas on how you can help:

## **Conserve Energy**

We are working to reduce our energy usage by installing LED and movement-sensing lighting, carefully controlling our heating and training staff to avoid wasting energy. Despite rising visitor numbers the Estate has seen a significant drop in energy use over the last three years. The Energy Saving Trust provides information on what you can do at home.

## **Give the Car a Rest**

Leave the car behind, if only for a day. Try using public transport; our nearest train stations are Long Hanborough, Bicester and Oxford and the S3 bus from Oxford railway station stops right outside our gates. The bus and train stations sell tickets for Blenheim Palace at a reduced, or you can present your travel ticket at our kiosks and receive a 30% discount on your admission. If you're feeling energetic you can walk or cycle. National Cycle Network route number 5 is a dedicated cycle path that connects Oxford to Woodstock.

## **Shop Local**

Buy local products, they give you a flavour of this area and help support our local community. We are fortunate to have some fantastic local food, drink, art and craft products in our cafés and shops. You can also visit Woodstock for a range of independent shops and local produce.

## **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

We are working with our suppliers to reduce unnecessary packaging, and all of the waste you put in our bins is sorted for recycling. Please help us by separating your waste and using the relevant bins in our cafés.

## **Be Water Wise**

Over time, we are upgrading our taps to new automatic versions. Where old-style taps are fitted, please make sure you turn them off when you are finished and use the smaller flush where appropriate on our dual flush cisterns.

## **Respect Nature**

Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths responsibly. Don't forget to keep your dog on a lead to avoid disturbing our wildlife, including sheep and pheasants.

## **Support Green Businesses**

There are thousands of businesses in the UK working to reduce their carbon footprint through the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold for their efforts to be more sustainable. We check the green credentials of our suppliers whenever possible to encourage them to use the most sustainable practices.

**If you have a suggestion that might help us improve our environmental impact, please let us know.**

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