

TRAVELLING BY BUS TO LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

At the time the windmill is open, on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, Lacey Green is served by Arriva Buses on Route 300 (formerly Route 323), which run hourly. The route is from High Wycombe Bus Station, via Hughenden, to Lacey Green, to Princes Risborough, and then via Butlers Cross and Stoke Mandeville to Aylesbury Bus Station.

A new timetable (in operation from 15th May 2011) shows that buses run at the following times:

NORTHBOUND BUSES:

Leave High Wycombe Bus Station at 05 mins past each hour.
Stop at Lacey Green (The Whip) at 24 mins past each hour.
Stop at Princes Risborough (High Street) at 32 mins past each hour.
Arrive at Aylesbury Bus Station at 54 mins past each hour.

SOUTHBOUND BUSES:

Leave Aylesbury Bus Station at 05 mins past each hour.
Stop at Princes Risborough (High Street) at 26 mins past each hour.
Stop at Lacey Green (The Whip) at 32 mins past each hour.
Arrive at High Wycombe Bus Station at 50 mins past each hour.

Alight at The Whip bus stop, and you will be very close to the end of the path to the windmill, which (from the road) is just to the right of The Whip pub. The stop on the windmill and pub side of the road is for the southbound buses to High Wycombe. The stop on the opposite side of the road is for northbound buses to Princes Risborough and Aylesbury.

A current timetable is available from the Bucks County Council Travel Info web site www.buckscc.gov.uk/travelinfo/ "Select Buses", "Timetables", "Services 201-300", "300 Aylesbury - High Wycombe".

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN TO LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

Princes Risborough Station is served by Chiltern Railways services between London Marylebone and Banbury, continuing onto Birmingham Snow Hill.

The average journey time from Marylebone is around 50 minutes, on Sundays there are around 3 trains an hour. From Banbury the journey time is around 40 minutes, on Sundays there are around 2 trains an hour.

You can look up the times of suitable trains (or even download their whole timetable booklet) from the Chiltern Railways website at www.chilternrailways.co.uk

Lacey Green Windmill is 2 miles from Princes Risborough station, but to walk by road is not really advisable as some of the road is very narrow. A large amount is also uphill, so not easy for all. There are unfortunately no easily identifiable footpaths as an alternative.

Please note that taxis are not normally available at Princes Risborough station on Sundays, but it is not a long walk from the station to the A4010, where the 300 bus runs, as detailed above, although note that this is only an hourly service when the windmill is open.

Turn left out of Princes Risborough station building, then the access road turns to the right, then turn right passing a couple of shops on your left, follow Station Road round to the left. Turn right into Poppy Road. At the end you will come to the main A4010 road. You will need to cross this road to the bus stop on the opposite side for buses on Route 300 towards Lacey Green and High Wycombe.

As detailed above, buses on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays (from 15th May 2011) leave this bus stop at around 27 minutes past each hour. Buses to return you to Princes Risborough leave Lacey Green at 24 minutes past each hour.

TRAVELLING ON FOOT TO LACEY GREEN WINDMILL

In these days of people seeking sustainable means of transport that are friendly to the environment, then I have to mention that the Chiltern Way footpath passes very close to Lacey Green Windmill, in fact over the farm on which the windmill stands, and over a stile right beside the bus stop mentioned above, where buses on Route 300 stop on their way from Aylesbury to High Wycombe.

So if you feel like walking to the windmill then there can be no finer way of exploring the Chilterns as well, than via the Chiltern Way which is a footpath of around 180 miles (or 300km) that the Chiltern Society has established around the Chiltern Hills. Of course, if you intend walking from a great distance, then you will have the added challenge of timing your walk to arrive at Lacey Green Windmill during the three hours that we open on around 25 days each year.