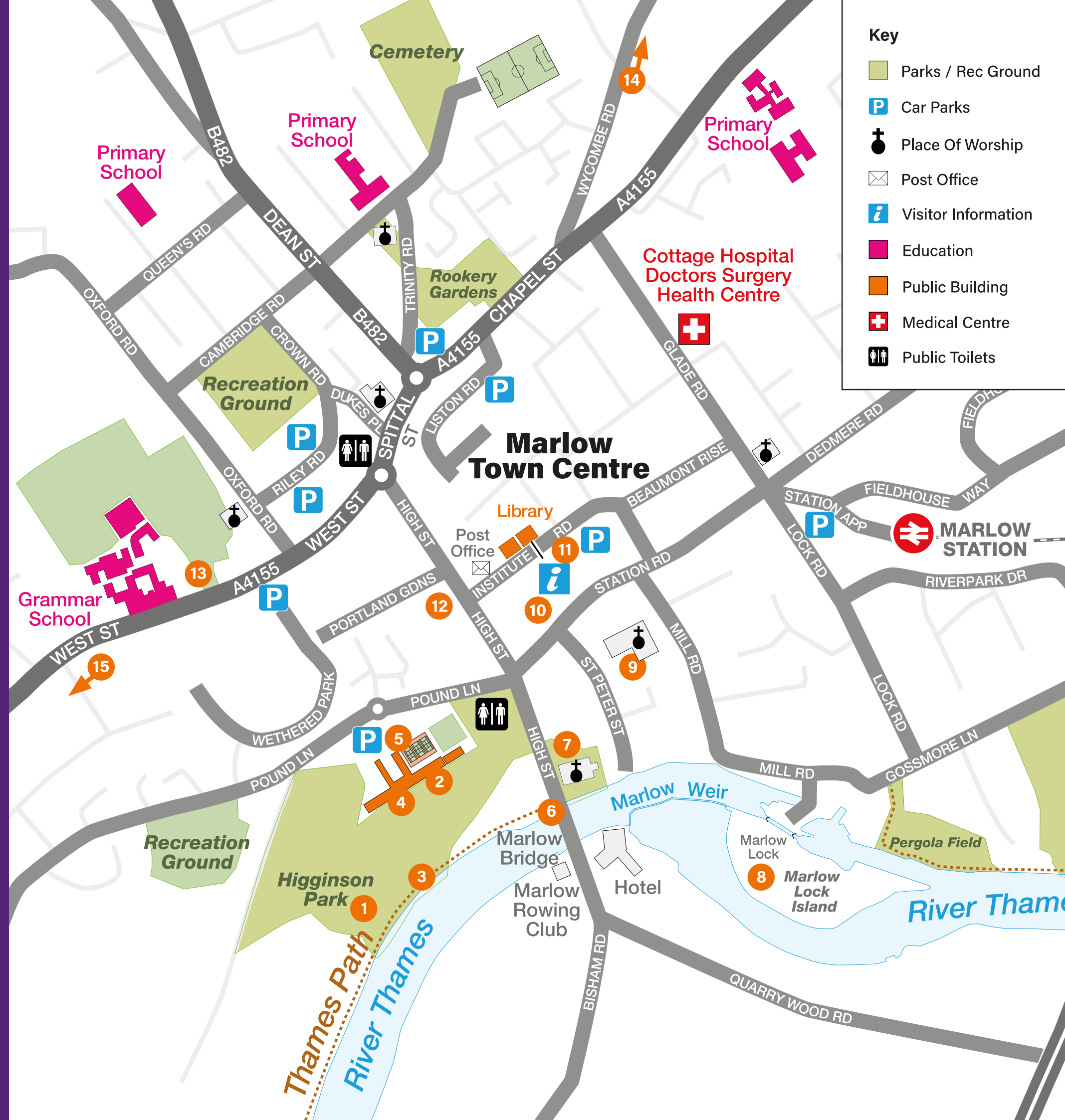


- 1** **Higginson Park** – set beside the River Thames featuring a large play area, skate park and café.
- 2** **Court Garden Leisure Complex and House** – facilities include swimming pool, gym, tennis courts and cafe.
- 3** **Boat trips and boat hire** – in season rowing and motor boats are available for hire along with passenger cruises.
- 4** **Sir Steve Redgrave statue** – commemorating Marlow’s five-time Olympic rowing hero Sir Steve Redgrave.
- 5** **Marlow Museum** - a small local history museum marlowmuseum.uk.
- 6** **Marlow suspension bridge** – completed in 1832 to designs by William Tierney Clarke.
- 7** **All Saints church** – erected in 1835 with a spire that soars 170 foot above the town.
- 8** **Marlow lock** – provides a stunning view point over the town and river.
- 9** **St Peter Street** – home to a number of historical buildings including The Old Parsonage and St Peters Church.
- 10** **Marlow Place** – a grade 1 listed Georgian house built for the Earl of Portsmouth c1720.
- 11** **Balfour Gardens** – a tranquil, ornamental walled garden which houses the Akeler Sundial.
- 12** **Shopping and dining** – the town centre has an excellent array of shops and dining venues.
- 13** **Shelley House** – no. 104 West Street, the home of Percy Bysshe Shelley and his wife Mary Shelley who wrote Frankenstein whilst living there.
- 14** **Rebellion Brewery** – this popular brewery and shop is open year round for tours and tastings.
- 15** **Marlow Common** – great fun to explore and discover the First World War training trenches



Welcome to Marlow

Marlow is without doubt one of the loveliest locations on the River Thames. Situated on a broad sweep of the river between Henley and Windsor and within the Chiltern Hills which is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It has a lively town centre made up of historic streets with small listed buildings and offers an array of shops, restaurants, wine bars and pubs which all add to Marlow's charm.

The town's main landmark is the graceful suspension bridge which spans the Thames. It was completed in 1832 to designs by William Tierney Clark who also designed the bridge across the Danube in Budapest.

Past residents have included Thomas Love Peacock, Jerome K. Jerome, T.S. Eliot and the poet Shelley and his wife who completed her gothic masterpiece *Frankenstein* whilst living in Marlow.

Higginson Park, beside the River Thames, holds the prestigious Green Flag Award as one of the country's outstanding parks. It boasts 23 acres of lawns for picnicking, riverside walks, a children's play area and café and is the back drop for many town events.

Marlow loves a party and there are plenty of events throughout the year. Some of the highlights are Marlow Town Regatta, the annual ceremony of Swan Upping, Marlow Carnival, Switch on and Shop at Christmas, the half marathon and celebrity food and drink festivals such as Pub in the Park hosted by chef Tom Kerridge who also has 2 Michelin star restaurants in the town.



River walks

Strolling by the river is one of Marlow's greatest pleasures. You can follow its banks in either direction for easy, level walks with some wonderful scenery.

Upstream

Temple Lock (3 miles return) with a lovely view of Bisham Church on the opposite bank.

Hurley (4.5 miles return) a small village home to one of the oldest inns in the world 'The Olde Bell' and the perfect spot for riverside picnics.

Hambleden (11.5 miles return) with the picturesque lock, a series of weirs and Hambleden Mill you can cross the river here to catch a bus back to Marlow.

Henley (16 miles return) a delightful town famous for its Royal Regatta. You can catch a bus back to Marlow from Henley.

Downstream

Bourne End (6 miles return) pass the wooded slopes of Winter Hill rising on the opposite bank as you leave the town and follow the path through meadows to Bourne End.

Cookham (8 miles return) from Bourne End cross the river at the railway bridge and continue for a further mile onto Cookham which is home to the Stanley Spencer Gallery.

Maidenhead (15 miles return) a bustling town with its 18th-century road bridge and Brunel's famous 'Sounding Arch'.

Windsor (29 miles return) beyond Maidenhead the river becomes busier and in places there are views of grand homes finishing with the grandest of them all, Windsor Castle, towering above the water.

Things to Do

There's lots of great attractions and places to visit right on the doorstep:

Cliveden – Set high above the river with far reaching views, Cliveden's impressive gardens and majestic woodlands capture the grandeur of a bygone age. Try not to lose yourself in the maze, relax on a skippered boat trip, let children's imagination's run wild in the Story Book Play Den or take a break at the Conservatory Café. The house is now a luxury hotel but you can take a peek inside by joining a short guided tour on selected days. nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden

Odds Farm Park – Meet plenty of furry friends in the animal barns and paddocks. Hand feed the goats and sheep, meet the farmers or explore on a tractor and trailer ride. For more entertainment enjoy the undercover play barn, outdoor adventure playground and a 500 metre square water play area. oddsfarm.co.uk

Salter's Steamers – Enjoy a boat trip from Marlow along the Thames and soak up the atmosphere and beautiful scenery. Boats depart from the landing stage at Higginson Park and cruise to both Windsor and Henley. Or you can hop on board for a short forty-minute round trip to Temple Lock salterssteamers.co.uk

The Little Green Boat Company - hire a self-drive motor boat or rowing boat by the hour or for a full day. Open 7 days a week during the summer at the river front in Higginson Park. Boats are available for walk up hire or advanced booking. thelittlegreenboatcompany.co.uk

Chiltern Valley Winery and Brewery - Old Luxters is home to 'Chiltern Valley Wines', its Vineyard, Winery, Old Luxters Brewery, Liqueur making facilities and cellar shop. Visit the shop which is open daily to taste and make purchases from an extensive range of wines, ales and liqueurs or why not join a tour and tasting. chilternvalley.co.uk

Visit Midsomer – follow the 17-mile trail from Marlow through the surrounding villages of Frieth, Lane End, Bolter End, Fingest and the Hambleden Valley to discover stunning filming locations from the hit TV show *Midsomer Murders*. Along the trail you can stop to taste fine food, sample local beer and wine, soak up spectacular scenery and walk the Chiltern Hills of Midsomer visitbuckinghamshire.org.uk/midsomer



These useful websites will help you make the most of your visit to Marlow...



**Buckinghamshire
Council**

Visit Buckinghamshire: visitbuckinghamshire.org | **Visit Thames:** visitthames.co.uk

The National Trust: nationaltrust.org.uk | **National Trail (The Thames Path):** nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath | **Visit Chilterns:** visitchilterns.co.uk

Chilterns Conservation Board (walks): chilternsaonb.org | **Salter's Steamers (Boat trips):** salterssteamers.co.uk | **Travel (Bus and Rail):** traveline.info

The Little Green Boat Company: thelittlegreenboatcompany.co.uk | **Marlow Town Council:** marlow-tc.gov.uk | **Buckinghamshire Council:** buckinghamshire.gov.uk