



STOURHEAD

**WILTSHIRE: in the Village of Stourton,
Just off B3902, 3 miles NW of Mere (A303)**

Stourhead was created in the 18th century by the banking family of Hoare. The landscape garden at Stourhead is historically important as an early example of that mixture of art and nature which became known as "le jardin Anglais". The idyllic and picturesque scene embracing the great lake with its temples, bridges, grottos and islands is now world famous and is a joy at all seasons - the rhododendrons and azalea in Spring or the brilliant blaze of Autumn, the hazy days of Summer or the sharp etched lines of Winter. These superb pleasure grounds are open to the visitor every day in the year.

The elegant Palladian house designed by Colen Campbell and begun in 1722, has a collection of furniture designed for the house by the younger Chippendale. The wings were added later by Sir Richard Colt Hoare to contain his library and picture gallery.

Open: Gardens: All year, daily 11-7 or dusk if earlier. No dogs April-October. House: April 1st - end of September every day (except Monday and Tuesday) and Bank Holiday Monday 2-6 or dusk if earlier. March, October and November, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 2-6 or dusk if earlier. Closed December, January and February. Parties to the house should book two days in advance - The Administrator, Stourhead House, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts. (Tel. Bourton (Dorset) 348).

Admission: Gardens 30p. Children 15p. Parties of 15 and over 20p.
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Lunches and teas available at the Spread Eagle, near entrance to Gardens (Te. Bourton 220) or at Oak Cottage Café, Zeals on A303 (Tel. Bourton 398).

Information Centre and Shop (in Spread Eagle yard).

The National Trust which preserves this property for the public is a Charity and relies on your support. Membership is £2 for one member plus £1 for each additional member of the family at the same address. £1 for anyone under 21. Members are admitted free to over 200 houses and gardens. For further particulars apply to Publicity Officer, National Trust, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts. (Bourton 560)

National Trust Information Leaflet Early 1970s

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