GIFT SHOP
From books and literary-inspired jewellery, to home and garden-ware, you can pick up a unique gift or souvenir in the house shop. There are even pocket-money gifts for the little ones, and books to start them on their journey into bibliophilia!

There is no admission fee to visit the tearoom, housed in the old kitchen and complete with original interiors.

Enjoy a homemade slice of cake with a hot cup of tea or select something seasonal from the light lunch menu.

Open daily: 11.00am-4.00pm (hot food served until 3.00pm)

VOLUNTEERING
Whether it’s welcoming visitors, giving tours, or helping in the library, Chawton House volunteers undertake a huge range of tasks to help throughout the year.

Please contact Volunteer Manager, Ian Beveridge, if you’d like to get involved: ian.beveridge@chawtonhouse.org

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Chawton House
Chawton, Alton
Hampshire
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Visitor season: 4 March - 16 December 2019
Open every day: 11.00am-4.30pm
Admission fee applicable:
• Historic Houses Association Pass - Free
• Art Fund Pass - 50% Off
• Tearoom entry - Free
Please check website for admission fees and planned closures before you visit.

Accessibility
Concession rates and accessible parking are available to disabled visitors, although wheelchair access is limited. Please call in advance for guidance.

Groups
Discounts and guided tours are available to groups of 10+. Contact groups@chawtonhouse.org for details.

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“I went up to the Great House & dawdled away an hour very comfortably”  Jane Austen, 1814
Chawton House was owned by Jane Austen’s brother Edward, and known to her as ‘the Great House’.

Jane lived in a cottage on the estate and would stroll up to ‘dawdle away’ many an hour in the grand Elizabethan manor.

Visitors can soak up the homely atmosphere of the beautifully restored rooms and see Austen family heirlooms, such as the dining table at which Jane enjoyed family meals.

The 2019 exhibition focuses on Jane Austen’s reading.

Jane was an avid reader, taking inspiration from the quills of her predecessors. On display will be the very books she had access to, as well as those that inspired her writing.

EARLY WOMEN WRITERS

Explore the library, breathe in the leather-bound books and hear tales of the pioneering women writers in the collection.

From novelists and travel writers to philosophers and activists, the library holds over 15,000 volumes including first and early editions, original manuscripts, and paintings.

Discover the inspiring stories of these early women writers.

Jane Austen was a frequent visitor to the estate, and some believe that the landscape in Mansfield Park was modelled upon Chawton House.

New for 2019 is a Jane Austen garden trail, taking in the sweeping south lawn, a lime avenue with distant views into the parkland beyond, and a ‘wilderness’ which visitors can meander through.

A particular highlight is the Walled Garden, built by Edward Austen, and referred to in Jane Austen’s letters. Visitors can explore a physic garden, see a wide variety of heritage fruit in the orchard, and say hello to the resident hens.