

## Walk 4: Vauxhall Park & Dinton Pastures

This flat walk starts at the Museum of Berkshire Aviation car park (see [museumofberkshireaviation.co.uk](http://museumofberkshireaviation.co.uk)). It follows well-made paths, with mud in places, through Dinton Pastures and beside the river Loddon to the Loddon Bridge (by Showcase Cinema). *Where the path crosses the river Loddon it is possible to add to the walk by going around Dinton Pastures with perhaps a stop at the Dragon Fly Café or the children's adventure playground.* From the Loddon Bridge the route goes along Wokingham Road before taking the tunnel beneath the railway/A3290 to the older south-western part of the town. Going along generally quiet footpaths and roads the route reaches Vauxhall Park which has children's play equipment. The route then takes you through a newer part of Woodley to Colemansmoor Road and back to the start.

### Length

4 miles (6.4 km). Allow 2 hours plus stops.

### Starting Point

<b>Car</b>	<b>Berkshire Museum of Aviation Car Park</b> (free March 2021), Mohawk Way, Woodley, RG5 4UE. OS Grid Ref: SU 7768 7299. w3w: <a href="http://vows.chins.gaps">///vows.chins.gaps</a>
<b>Bus 13</b>	<b>Herald Way</b> stop – almost opposite the museum car park entrance).
<b>14</b>	<b>Herald Way</b> stop – walk back 75m to the roundabout, cross Bader Way and join the walk
<b>19c</b>	at point <b>(19)</b> .
<b>19a</b>	<b>Dunbar Drive</b> stop – walk back the way the bus came and join walk at point <b>(18)</b>

### Refreshments

<b>Dragon Fly Cafe</b>	In Dinton Pastures. A diversion from point (4) – see map. Adds 2.2km to the walk
<b>Costa Coffee</b>	In Showcase Cinema, just before point (6)
<b>George Pub</b>	Just after point (6)

### Route Instructions (See map below for numbered points)

1



At the entrance to the car park with the museum and the aircraft on your left, walk to the far end of the car park and turn left. Soon you will find a Dinton Pastures Country Park notice board. This is point (2) below.

2



Take the gravel path beside the notice board. It runs parallel to The Bader Way and, ignoring the first turning left, after 200m the path bears left away from the road. Come to a concrete bridge with metal railings over a small stream. This is point (3) below.

3



Cross the bridge and continue on the tarmac path which becomes gravel by a wooden gate. Do not turn but continue on the gravel path with the river immediately on your left. Around 700m from the concrete bridge (3) reach a wooden bridge spanning left across the river Loddon. This is point (4) below.

4



Do not cross the bridge. Continue on the gravel path as it bears right to follow the river bank. Ignore a path to the left and after 500m it reaches a T-junction with a tarmac cycleway/footpath. Turn left and soon pass beneath the flyover to The Bader Way. Continue on the tarmac path and after 100m reach a wooden bridge spanning left over the river. (The path bends sharp right.) This is point **(5)** below.

5



Go across the bridge and turn right onto a gravel path (muddy in places) with the river on your right. Go between the massive columns of the A3290 flyover and through the railway arch beyond. Rejoin the riverside path at the metal railings and onto the path beside the car park for Showcase Cinema. Continue beside the river to soon reach the slope up to Wokingham Road. This is point **(6)** below.

6



Turn right, go across the Loddon Bridge, past the George pub and over the end of Loddon Bridge Road. Continue uphill past Little Horse Close on the right-hand side of Wokingham Road. As the ascent starts to flatten off, reach a dirt path to the blocked-off stub of Pond Head Lane on your right. (opposite a traffic island with Mill Lane across and to your left.). This is point **(7)** below.

7



Turn right onto the path which becomes a road, then bear right onto Pond Head Lane. Ignoring Tiggell Close on your right, continue to the end of the road where there are metal railings on your left. Pass through the railings and after a short distance you will see an underpass. This is point **(8)** below.

8



Go through the underpass beneath the railway and the A3290. The path bends right and then left. Continue to the point where Clivedale Road, on your right, becomes Dartington Avenue, on your left, at metal railings. This is point **(9)** below.

9



Carry on between the metal railings and continue on the footpath, crossing streets and ignoring turnings left and right, for around 700m to reach Drovers Way just after some metal benches on your right. This is point **(10)** below.

10



Turn left and walk to the end of Drovers Way (not signed). This is point **(11)** below.

11



Turn left into Crockhamwell Road and cross the road. Take the right-hand pavement, go across the end of Fosters Lane to reach a turning right just before a mini-roundabout. This is point **(12)** below.

12



Follow the pavement round to the right into Arundel Road. Keeping to the right-hand pavement, reach a fork in the road with a green space to your left. This is point **(13)** below.

13



Continuing on the righthand pavement, ignore Duncan Road on your right and Caldbeck Drive on your left until reaching the Wingate Road / Fosters Lane junction (Fosters Independent Living Home is opposite). Cross Wingate Road and follow Fosters Lane for about 80m (ignoring Temple Mews on your left) until it meets Loddon Bridge Road. Carefully cross Loddon Bridge Road, turn left and after a short distance on your right there is a dirt footpath. This is point **(14)** below.

14



Take this dirt footpath. It comes out on Vauxhall Drive just past the 2nd Woodley Scouts hut (a building in the trees on your left). Walk left along the road for 80m to reach metal railings parallel to the road. This is point **(15)** below.

15



Turn left and take the tarmac path across Vauxhall Park. Exit the park between black and white posts onto a path between hedges and soon come to Hawker Way – not signed: it is the first turning on your right. This is point **(16)** below.

16



Turn right and follow the right-hand pavement. Take the second turning right (by no 37). This is point **(17)** below.

17



Turn right, keep to the right-hand pavement and reach a footpath between the houses. Take this footpath. It emerges into Gainsborough Close / Stonehaven Drive. Continue straight ahead (this is also Stonehaven Drive) and ignoring turn offs to the left and right continue to the T-junction with Colemansmoor Road. Turn right and after 30m reach a bollard on the other side of the road. This is point **(18)** below.

18



Cross the road, go past the bollard and take the broad tarmac path as it bends left around a green space. Ignore a path right into housing and after about 250m ignore a dirt path to your right. Follow the broad tarmac path and soon reach the Bader Way. This is point **(19)** below.

19



Carefully cross the road at the traffic island and turn right. Follow the pavement for 20m then bear left up the slope and into the museum car park.



