

Walk 5: Loddon Bridge to Twyford Station (Linear)

This linear walk follows the river Loddon through Woodley to Twyford, passing through Dinton Pastures and Loddon Nature Reserve, avoiding built-up areas. Most of the route is through attractive river and lakeside environments, with opportunities to observe wildlife, particularly birds. It ends at Twyford Station. Your return to the start is either by rail (via Reading to Winnersh Triangle) and a short walk: or by bus (Thames Valley Buses 127/128 service to the Chequers at Woodley Precinct), then another bus (Reading Buses 14/19c) back to Loddon Bridge.

Length

4.5 miles (7.2 km). Allow 2 hours 15 mins plus stops.

Starting Points & Return Options

Start

Bus 4/X4
19a&b | **The George** stop.

Train **Winnersh Triangle Station.** Then walk 800m to join the walk at point **(2)**. *See Map*
Car Limited roadside parking at:
Colemansmoor Road. 32/RG54DN. OS Grid Ref: SU76837183. w3w: ///flown.bride.bets
or
Coppice Road 1/RG53QX, OS Grid Ref: SU76577182 w3w: ///lamp.lake.sheet. *See map*

Return Options

Train **Twyford Station (via Reading Station) to Winnersh Station** then walk 800m. *See map.*
Bus 127/128 **Twyford Crossroads** stop (Thames Valley Buses) to Woodley **Chequers** stop, *then*
14/19c The **Chequers** stop to the **George** stop (bus 19c) or **Rivermead** stop (bus 14). *See map*

Warning. Check the 127/128 bus times before you set out. The service is approximately hourly with the last bus mid-afternoon on Mondays to Fridays (later on Saturdays). There is no service on Sundays. See www.courtneybuses.com (Routes & Times) – its name changed in April 2021.

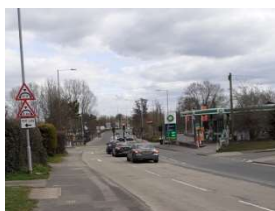
850 **Twyford Old Silk Mill** stop near point 21 (Arriva Buses) to Cemetery Junction, *then*
4/X4 to the **George** stop.

Refreshments

The George pub At the start of the walk
Waggon & Horses pub Near point 21.
Various Cafes & Pubs In the centre of Twyford









Route Instructions (See map below for numbered points)









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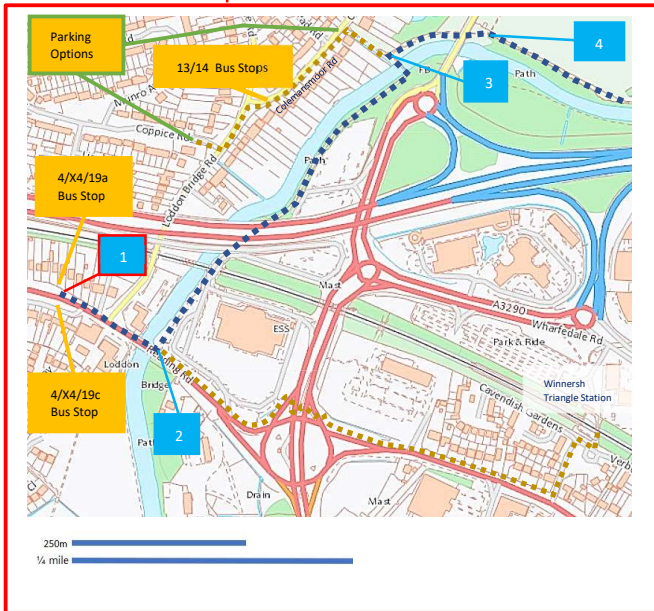
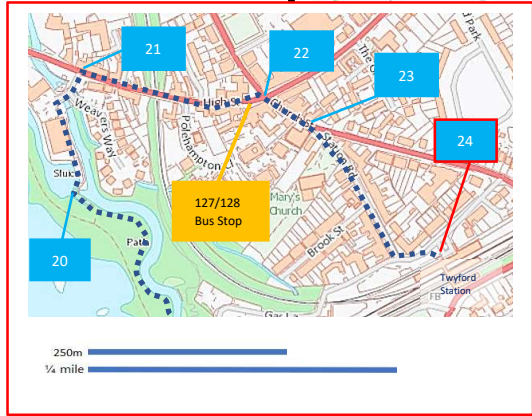
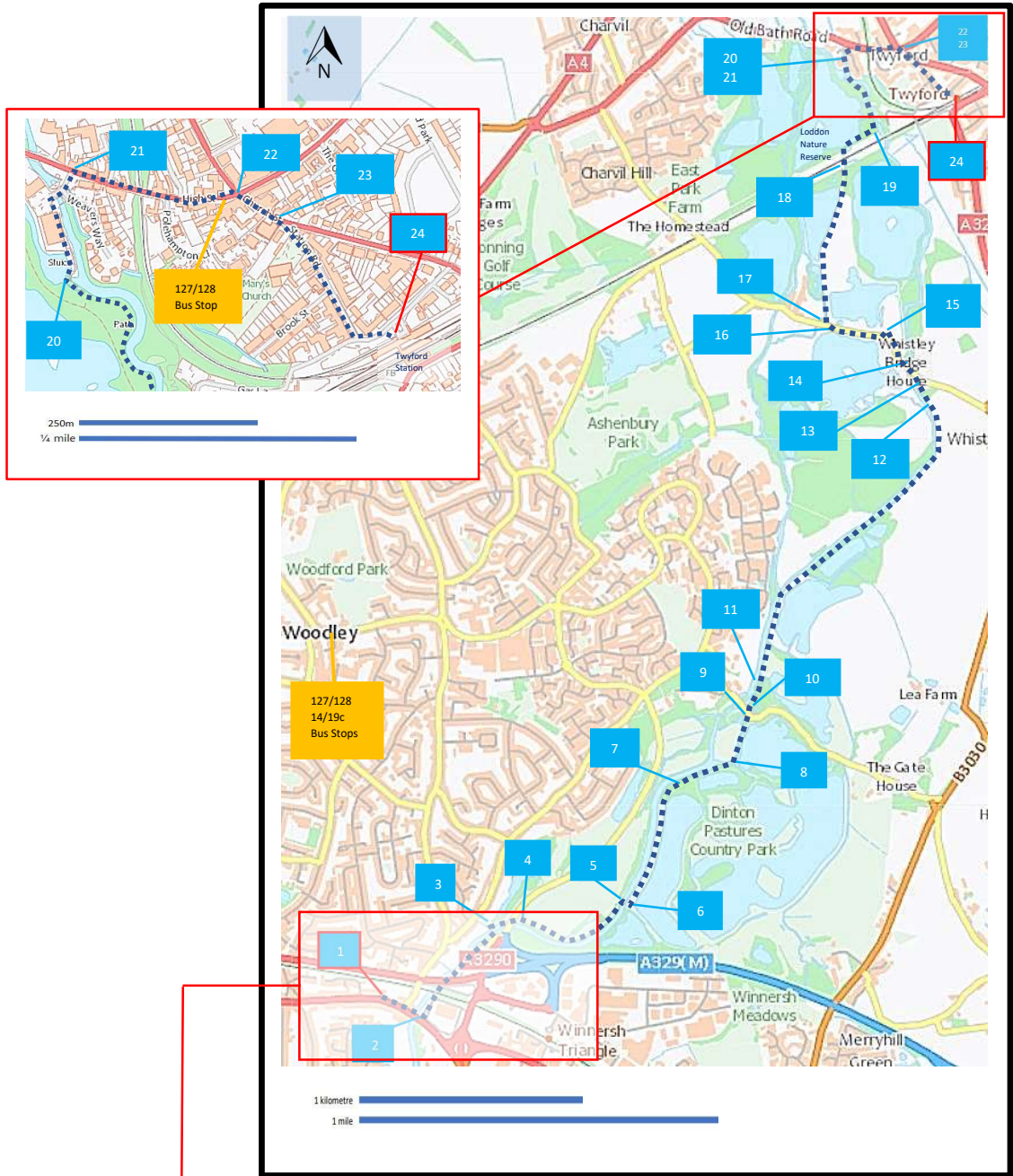
From the Wokingham/Bracknell bound bus stop, walk downhill along Wokingham Road's left-hand pavement, cross Loddon Bridge Road at the traffic lights: the road has become Reading Road. Soon reach a Reading Road sign on the brickwork bridge parapet and a footpath sign on your left. This is point **(2)** below.

(From the Reading bound bus stop, walk down the right-hand side of Wokingham Road, cross left at the traffic lights and then turn right, cross the river Loddon and reach a footpath sign on the left.)

- 2  Turn left at the footpath sign, and follow the path, keeping the river on your left, crossing under the railway and road bridges to reach a footbridge. Cross the footbridge to reach the other side. This is point **(3)** below.
- 3  Turn right and follow the path, with the river on your right, passing under a road bridge. Then after a few metres, reach a path junction. This is point **(4)** below.
- 4  Bear right at the junction along a hedged path and continue for about 600m reach a footbridge crossing the river. This is point **(5)** below.
- 5  Cross the bridge, ignore the paths immediately to the left and right, and walk forward a few paces to reach the junction with the lakeside path. This is point **(6)** below.
- 6  Turn left and follow the path, with the river on your left and lake on your right, keeping to the main path and ignoring paths on the left and right. After about 500m, at the end of the lake on your right, the path bears right to reach a path junction. This is point (7) below.
- 7  Bear left at the junction and follow the wide path through woodland (ignoring a path on the right) to reach a T-junction of paths. This is point **(8)** below.
- 8  Turn left at the junction and follow the curving path, with the lake on the right, then keep ahead to reach the junction with the road. This is point **(9)** below.
- 9  Carefully cross the road to reach footpath sign on the other side. This is point **(10)** below.

- 10  Go through the gate and keep straight ahead (ignore a path heading rightwards), to reach a path junction after about 50m. This is point **(11)** below.
- 11  Take the path on the left, then follow the riverside path by the river Loddon for 1.7km to reach a further path junction. This is point **(12)** below.
- 12  Take the left-hand path and continue to follow it to a junction with a road at Whistley Bridge. This is point **(13)** below.
- 13  Turn left along the road, taking care of traffic, cross the river and walk past a house on the right, then look out for brideway sign on the right. This is point **(14)** below.
- 14  Follow this brideway until it re-joins the road. This is point **(15)** below.
- 15  Cross the road with care and enter the footpath on the other side. Follow this footpath until it re-joins the road. This is point **(16)** below.
- 16  Bear left along the road for 50m and ignoring the metal entrance gates on your right continue a few metres before turning right onto a public footpath. This is point **(17)** below.
- 17  Turn right onto the footpath and walk past a lake on your right and another on your left. After about 750m come to railway arches. This is point **(18)** below.

- 18  Go through the arches and immediately turn right to follow a public footpath through Loddon Nature Reserve. After 200m the path turns sharp left to a low-level public footpath marker. Do not follow the wide path but turn right for 10m to reach a public footpath signpost next to the river. This is point **(19)** below.
- 19  Turn left at the signpost and walk with the river Loddon on your right – the path hugs the riverbank and can be very muddy. Ignoring paths to the left, reach a footbridge where the path turns right. This is point **(20)** below.
- 20  Go over the bridge and follow the path past a 3-storey brick apartment building on your left to reach another footbridge. Cross the bridge, go up concrete steps, cross the road (Weaver Way), go down concrete steps and follow the path to soon meet the main road. This is point **(21)** below.
- 21  Turn right and walk along the right-hand pavement to reach Twyford Crossroads. This is point **(22)** below.
- 22  (Notice the 127/128 bus stop. This may be your point of return). Turn right at the crossroads into Church Street and walk along the right-hand pavement for about 100m to the next road junction. This is point **(23)** below.
- 23  Bear right at this junction into Station Road and walk up to the end to reach Twyford Station. This is point **(24)** below.
- 24  The end of the walk.



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