Walks Around Woodley



Walk 8: Woodley Precinct to Twyford Crossroads (linear)

This is a short linear walk from the centre of Woodley to the centre of Twyford, via Woodford Park, old Woodley, Ashenbury Park, Lands End and Loddon Nature Reserve to Twyford crossroads where the walk ends. You return to Woodley using Thames Valley Buses Nos 127/128. *Warning*. Check the 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) – name changed in April 2021.

Length

3.2 miles (5.2 km). Allow 1hours 30 mins plus stops.

Starting & Return Points

Start				
Bus	13/19a	Chequers stop. Beechwood Avenue.		
	14/19c	Chequers stop A. Headley Road. Join the walk at point (3).		
Car H		Headley Road Car Park (Pay & Display) Headley Road, Woodley RG5 4JA		
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Return				
Bus	127/128	Twyford Crossroads stop. Thames Valley Buses. By the Old Post Office.		

Refreshments

Various Cafes & Pub	In Woodley Precinct	Heron on the Ford pub	At point (14)
Oakwood Centre cafe	Near point (2)	Waggon & Horses pub	Near point (19)
Bull and Chequers pub	At point (8)	Various Cafes & Pubs	In the centre of Twyford

Route Instructions (See maps below for numbered points)



From the 13/19a bus stop on Beechwood Avenue, walk along the righthand pavement towards a pedestrian crossing, but do not cross it. Instead go straight ahead to reach a second crossing in front of the Chequers pub. This is point (2) below. *Alternative Starting points*

If starting the walk from Headley Road Car Park, follow the instructions from the pedestrian crossing outside the Chequers pub at point (2) below. If starting the walk from the 14/19c bus stop on Headley Road, walk in the direction of bus travel and join the walk at point (3).



Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing, and turn right along the pavement, passing the Oakwood Centre on your left, to reach the gate to the War Memorial. This is point **(3)** below.



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Turn sharp left through the gateway (to the left of a brick pillar, and after a few paces, turn right and then walk to a path junction in front of Coronation Hall. This is point **(4)** below.

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Turn left and follow the path between two large trees. At the next path junction bear right to reach a metal barrier at a road. This is point (5) below.



Turn right along the right-hand pavement and continue to the road junction with Haddon Drive. This is point (6) below.



Cross Haddon Drive and turn right. Continue along the left-hand pavement to reach the junction with Butts Hill Road. This is point (7) below.



Turn left and then right to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing. On the other side of the road turn left, then right into Church Road. Walk along the right-hand pavement of Church Road to reach a road junction by a post-box, with the Bull & Chequers pub to your right. This is point (8) below.



Bear left to continue along right-hand pavement of Church Road for about 600m, passing St John's Church on your left. Eventually you reach the junction of Church Lane, Duffield Road and Tippings Lane. This is point (9) below.



Turn right along Tippings Lane, cross Brandon Avenue shortly reaching the Tippings Lane/Denmark Road Junction. The yellow entrance barriers to Ashenbury Park are ahead. This is point (10) below.

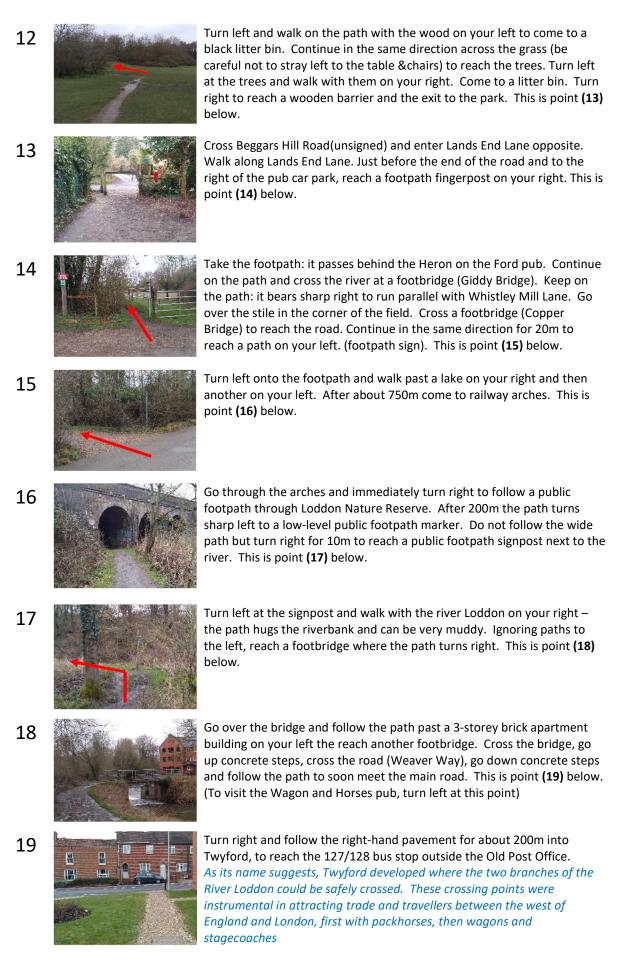
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From the entrance to Ashenbury Car Park follow the car park road to the left to the main park entrance. This is point (11) below.



Go through the yellow barrier into the park. (There is a children's play area to your left.) Continue straight ahead on a tarmac path. The path becomes gravel and enters a wood. Continue on the path which comes to another wood in front of you as the path bears right. There are two black benches on your left 'hidden' in the edge of the wood out of your line of sight. Where the wood on your left ends come to a fork in the path. This is point (12) below.

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