

Maidenhead Boundary Walk

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of Maidenhead and Maidenhead Bridge for your charity fundraising

The Route

1. Transport arrangements can be made at any checkpoint to return to base.
2. For your own safety, **please inform a checkpoint if you are abandoning the walk**
3. To assist walkers the route is marked by waymark signs as shown overleaf
4. There will be water at all checkpoints. Be careful not to dehydrate.
5. Toilets are available at the Start, Bray Churchyard, Ockwells Park and Checkpoint 2.

NOTE: The Boundary Walk has small markers (see image in centre of map on the reverse) that may be followed. The instructions below should be used in conjunction with them.

START (09.00am – 10.30am)

Stage 1: Boulters to Bray (2.5 miles) Turn right out of car park entrance and walk to Maidenhead Bridge (keep to riverside by flats). Cross bridge on upstream side, turn left and left again (through boatyard) to go under it. Proceed along towpath to Bray to ferry river crossing* (**ferry closes at 11.30am**). Walk past Waterside Inn and after 2nd house turn right along footpath to churchyard. Turn left (Note: Toilets are available in the church yard by briefly continuing straight one) in churchyard and follow path to main entrance gate (*please walk quietly through churchyard*). Cross road, turn right then immediately left into car park. *If ferry not operating, proceed along towpath to M4 footbridge and walk back to Bray via Old Mill Lane (1.6miles extra). **CHECKPOINT 1 (Open 9.15am – 11.15am) 2.5 miles from start.**

Stage 2: Bray to Woolley Firs (3.3 miles) Continue ahead on pathway (The Causeway) to Hibbert Road then cross over Windsor Road and continue up the right side of Harvest Hill Road. Walk on verge where no footpath. Near top of hill, fork left down Kimbers Lane. Cross motorway by pedestrian bridge and continue along Ockwells Road to roundabout. Cross over (right and then immediately left) into Highfield Lane and continue over railway bridge to junction with Cannon Lane. Cross over to Firs Lane by the Thatched Cottage pub. At end of lane follow field edge with hedge on your left, then straight-ahead down path to stile. Continue through stile, across small field to Woolley Firs, **CHECKPOINT 2 in yard on right. CHECKPOINT 2 (Open 10.15am – 1.45pm) 5.8 miles from start.**

Stage 3: Woolley Firs to Lee Lane (1.95 miles) START POINT FOR WALK OF 7.2 MILES: Leave Woolley Firs, right onto Cherry Garden Lane, at cross roads turn left to Shire Horse pub. Cross A4 to the signposted route opposite and almost immediately turn left along Broad Ride and enter the woods on a woodland path; turn left after approx. 100 metres following the markers. As the path nears the edge of the wood (with a field 50 yards ahead), turn right and follow the line of a partially collapsed post and wire fence along the edge of Maidenhead Thicket to tarmac road by Stubbings Lodge. Go ahead on path for 80yds then bear left at the marker to follow path under A404 and immediately bear right to follow the signposted path up an incline. Follow the path and then cross A423. Go straight ahead along broad grass ride and, at the first property, Leigh Cottage, cross over into Darlings Lane. Follow lane to junction with Lee Lane.

CHECKPOINT 3 (Open 10.30am – 3.00pm) 7.75 miles from start

Stage 4: Lee Lane to Aldebury Road (2.5 miles) Continue ahead on 'No Through Road' and follow the path past houses, going straight on through some concrete posts until the path opens into a field. Follow the left hand edge of the field to a corner and cross into the adjacent lane. Follow the lane to Marlow Road. At Marlow road turn left and walk 50 yards to the Golden Ball sign and cross over at the signposted point into Golden Ball Lane. At beginning of Golden Ball Lane turn left onto gravel track. Pass house Treetops, go through horse barrier and fork right along path through trees to Winter Hill Road. Cross over and continue along Malders Lane about a mile downhill, continuing straight ahead down the lane at Hind Hay Farm to a signpost (Boundary Walk sign and Cookham Bridleway Circuit) adjacent to a farm building complex that has been converted to offices and homes. Turn right along road, and just before houses, turn left along signposted track Nightingale Lane. At end of track turn right into Switchback Road North, past shops, then left at mini-roundabout into Gardner Road and over railway bridge.

CHECKPOINT 4 (Open 11.30am – 4.15pm) 10.25 miles from start

Stage 5: Aldebury Road to Boulters (2.75 Miles) Leave checkpoint and walk along Aldebury Road. Turn left along the path signposted 'Leading to Lutman Lane', after 20 yards turn right along Lutman Lane in front of houses. At end of footpath turn left through 'bike trap' then right to bridge across stream. Turn left, keeping stream on your left, follow path along field edge. Cross a track (adjacent to a concrete bridge over the stream DO NOT CROSS BRIDGE) and at next track turn right onto raised path on top of flood bund. Follow path that briefly turns right along gravel track and almost immediately left (Green Way), until you reach kissing gate onto Wildbrook Common. Turn right, do not cross stream, and follow path to corner of common, go through kissing gate and right onto Lower Cookham Road.

Cross Cookham road to the gate opposite following the sign 'To the Thames Path' and enter Battlemead Common. Follow the fence line down the left-hand edge of the field. Ignore the first turning left and also ignore the second (signposted Thames Path Navigation Trail) and continue to follow the fence line to the easterly end of the field. Turn left over a bridge to follow the causeway between boggy areas across a field. Approx. 2/3 of the way across the field, fork right heading towards a gate on the easterly edge of the field. Pass through the gate and turn right to follow the Thames Path south along the side of the river. Continue along the path until it re-joins Cookham road and follow the road for approx. 50 metres before crossing back into the car park. Follow Lower Cookham Road to Boulters Lock Car Park.

FINISH (Open until 5.00pm) 13 miles from start (M4 footbridge loop adds 1.6 miles)

Don't forget to check out and collect your sponsor form - we hope that you enjoyed the walk.

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Check Point 3



Check Point 4



Start & Finish



Check Point 2



Check Point 1



Soundirg Arch

M4 Loop adds 1.6 miles

Ferry Crossing Closes 11.30

New Causeway route at Battlemead Common is 0.6 of a mile longer than Lower Cookham Road

Flood Advisory? or to use recent routing turn down Lower Cookham Road

At Leigh Cottage Left off open track to Darling's Lane

Stay on right hand track-side

Maidenhead Thicket

West London Aero Club at White Waltham...

