



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.

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 (2.3 miles) Turn right out of Boulters Lock Car Park and walk to Maidenhead Bridge. Cross the bridge on the upstream side (without needing to cross the A4). By the Roux at Skindles turn left and left again to go under the bridge and through boatyard. Then proceed along the towpath to the ferry river crossing. The ferry provided by the Sea Scouts closes at 11.30am. If the ferry is taking too much time, walkers can proceed further along the towpath to the M4 footbridge and walk back to Bray via Old Mill Lane (a walk of an extra 1.6 miles). After crossing the river, walkers need to pass the Waterside Inn and after the 2nd house turn right along the footpath to Bray churchyard. Toilets are available in the churchyard. In the churchyard follow the path to the main entrance gate. Turning right at the exit from the churchyard cross the Bray Rd and proceed into the Causeway car park. **CHECKPOINT 1 opens at 9.15am until 11.15am. (2.3 miles from start)**

Stage 2: Bray to Shire Horse (3.8 miles) Continue ahead on the Causeway through to Hibbert Road, then cross the Braywick Road dual carriage way. Continue up the right-hand side of Harvest Hill Road. (Walk on verge where there is no footpath). Near the top of the hill, fork left at Kimbers Lane. Cross the A404 motorway by the pedestrian bridge, continue along Ockwells Road to Woodlands Park Rd. Crossing over to the right and then immediately left at the roundabout into Highfield Lane continue over the railway bridge to the junction with Cannon Lane. They then cross over into Firs Lane to the right of the Thatched Cottage Pub. At the end of the lane follow the field edge with the hedge on their left, then straight-ahead down the path to the stile. Continue through stile, across a small field past Woolley Firs, down Cherry Garden Lane to CHECKPOINT 2 located at the Shire Horse Public House. **CHECKPOINT 2 open from 10.15am until 1.45pm. It is 6.1 miles from the start.**

Stage 3: Shire Horse to Lee Lane (1.5 miles) This is an alternative start point for a walk of 6.9 MILES: At the Shire Horse Pub cross the A4 to the signposted route opposite and slightly to the right of the pub and then almost immediately turn left along Broad Ride and enter the woods on a woodland path; turning left after approx. 100 metres following the markers. As the path nears the edge of the wood (with a field 50 yards ahead), walkers turn right and follow the line of a post and wire fence along the edge of Maidenhead Thicket to the tarmac road by Stubbings Lodge. Going ahead on the path for 80yds they bear left at the marker to follow path under A404 and immediately bearing right to follow the signposted path up an incline. Following the path cross the A423. Go straight ahead along a broad grass ride and, at the first property, Leigh Cottage, cross over into Darlings Lane. Follow the lane to the junction with Lee Lane.

CHECKPOINT 3 is open from 10.30am until 3.00pm it is 7.6 miles from Base.

Stage 4: Lee Lane to Aldebury Road (2.8 miles) Walkers continue ahead on the 'No Through Road' and follow the path past houses, going straight on through some concrete posts until the path opens into a field. Following the left-hand edge of the field to its corner and crossing into the adjacent lane. Following the lane to the A308 (Marlow Road). At the A308 turn left and walk 50 yards to the Golden Ball sign and cross over at the signposted point into Golden Ball Lane. At the beginning of Golden Ball Lane, turn left onto the gravel track. Pass house Treetops, go through horse barrier and fork right along path through trees to Winter Hill Road. Crossing over and continuing along Malders Lane about a mile downhill, continue 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 the road, and just before the houses, turn left along Nightingale Lane. At end of the track turn right into Switchback Road North, past shops, then left at mini roundabout into Gardner Road and over the railway bridge. **CHECKPOINT 4 open from 11.30am until 4.15pm. It is 10.4 miles from the Base.**

Stage 5: Aldebury Road to Boulters (2.6Miles) Leave the checkpoint and walk along Aldebury Road. Walkers are required to turn left along the path signposted 'Leading to Lutman Lane', after 20 yards they turn right along Lutman Lane in front of the houses. At the end of the footpath, they turn left through the 'bike trap' then right to the bridge across the stream. Turning left, keeping the stream on their left, follow the path along the field edge. Crossing a track adjacent to a concrete bridge over the stream. **Do not cross the bridge.** At the next track turn right onto the raised path on top of the flood bund. Follow the path that briefly turns right along the gravel track and almost immediately left on to the Green Way, to reach the kissing gate onto Widbrook Common. Turning right, do not cross the stream, follow the path to the corner of the common and go through the kissing gate and right onto Lower Cookham Road.

At the Cookham Road walkers have a choice either to take the gate opposite following the sign 'To the Thames Path' and to enter Battlemead Common. Following the Boundary Walk signposted fence lines walkers cross Battlemead common to the Thames Tow Path. Which eventually re-joins Lower Cookham road and hence back to base at Boulters Lock Car Park. Walkers should be aware that Battlemead Common may be either flooded or muddy during October. Going through Battlemead adds an extra mile back to the base so in recent years walkers have traditionally chosen to avoid Battlemead Common and walk directly down the Cookham road towards Maidenhead and the finish at Boulters Lock Car Park. **FINISH (Open until 5.00pm) 13 miles from start via Lower Cookham Road and 14 miles if you cross Battlemead (M4 footbridge loop adds 1.6 miles)**

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MAIDENHEAD BOUNDARY WALK

