

Freedom Pass circuit

Section X7: Maidenhead to Twyford

Distance: 10.23 mi, 16.37 km

Introduction

This is quite a long section. Once you get out of Maidenhead it is almost entirely rural. The route cuts across a large loop of the Thames, avoiding Cookham and Henley.

There are conveniently placed pubs in White Waltham and Waltham St Lawrence. They are about 30 minutes apart.

Directions

Leave Maidenhead Station on the south side by platform 1, and turn right.

Bear right onto Ludlow Road.

At the top of the hill, bear right down to the Gullet.

Carry on alongside the railway on the main path.

At the end, the path veers left. Turn right onto a cycle track.

Bear right onto Brunel Road.

At the bottom of the hill, carry straight on along a cycle track and then turn left.

Enter Desborough Park, and follow the cycle track round to the right, and then round the edge of the park.

At the next intersection, where the cycle track turns right, bear left (not fully left).

Carry on past the community centre, and leave the park.

Turn right and follow the road round to the left.

Bear right just before the T junction, cross the main road, and carry on down Kendall Place.

Go under the motorway.

Turn left at the T junction.

Take the third right, Lambourne Drive.

After a left bend, turn right into Ribstone Road.

At the T junction turn left.

Cross the main road and turn right along the grass verge.

Turn left into Ockwells Road, then take the footpath on the right, just after the entrance to Lilliebrook Manor.

Pass the walled garden on the right, and bear right onto a farm track.

When the track bends right, keep straight on.

After a kissing gate and a footbridge, turn left.

Follow the path round two sides of a field.

At the T junction, close to a farmhouse, turn left.

After a right bend, turn left.

The path passes through a small wood.

Just before it enters a larger wood, take the minor path on the right alongside its edge.

Turn right after a kissing gate and enter another wood.

Turn right after another kissing gate.

Keep on the path. Eventually it bends round to the left. Later it bends right and goes through a kissing gate.

Just before the main road, climb over a metal gate on the right.

Just before the next gate, turn left and climb over another one.

At the end of the access road, turn right onto Church Hill (off the main road).

Just before the wrought-iron gates on the right, go through the kissing gate on the left.

After a couple of bends and another kissing gate, bear right.

After another couple of bends and another kissing gate, go right then left along a residential road.

At the T junction, carry on along the footpath opposite, slightly offset to the left. There is a pub on the right.

Skirt halfway round the cricketfield, then turn left.

Carry on straight ahead, passing through a churchyard, and later crossing a minor road.

At the next road, turn right.

After a left bend (with a pub), turn left into Neville Close.

At the end, carry on along the footpath, then turn left.

Cross a field, then turn right along its edge.

After a left bend, go straight ahead through a kissing gate.

Take the diagonal path across the next field, passing a solitary oak on your right.

Cross the road, and carry on along the right-hand road opposite.

Keep straight ahead when the main track bends right.

Keep following the track, which later becomes a minor road, to the end.

At the T junction turn right.

Opposite the corner of a wood on the left, turn right, past a rusty green barrier..

Turn left in front of the double metal gates.

Keep straight ahead on the path.

At the far corner of a very large field, follow the path round to the right, and keep going.

Bear left along the edge of the next field, then enter a wood.

On the other side, carry on along an access road.

Just before the road bends right to go over the railway line, climb over the metal gate on the left.

Make your way, diverging slightly from the railway, to the far side of a field, aiming towards a wooden electric pole.

Keep going in the same direction until you reach a driveway, then turn right along it.

Turn left along the road.

Turn right through the yellow barrier.

Head straight across the playing fields, aiming just to the right of the rightmost house.

Turn right along the road, and left into Hurst Road.

The station is on the right.