

Freedom Pass circuit

Section X8: Twyford to Reading

Distance: 7.13 mi, 11.41 km

Introduction

This is a pretty straightforward section. There is a stretch along a main road, to get out of Twyford, but thereafter it is almost entirely footpaths, mostly along the south bank of the Thames.

There are two conveniently placed pubs in Sonning.

Directions

Leave Twyford Station on the north side, by platforms 4 and 5, turn left and follow the road round to the right.

Carry straight on past the church, and then turn left at the traffic lights along the High Street.

Follow the road out of Twyford, crossing four bridges in succession, over various branches of the River Loddon.

Turn right into Charvil Meadows.

Keep straight on ahead on the main path.

Keep straight on after a footbridge.

On leaving the meadows, cross the main road and carry on along Loddon Drive straight ahead.

After crossing St Patrick's Stream turn left.

At a fork, bear right through a kissing gate.

Cross a couple of fields, then keep straight ahead along a track.

Just after going over St Patrick's Stream (again) turn right, then follow the path alongside the Thames.

At the Sonning Bridge, cross the road and carry on along the same bank of the Thames. We are now on the Thames Path. (There are two pubs on the left here: one close by and the other 5 minutes beyond past the church.)

Keep going along the path for another three miles.

Cross the outflow of the Kennet by means of the footbridge.

As you enter Reading, you pass Caversham Lock and go under a bridge.

Take the second turning left, before a ramp leading up to a large footbridge.

Follow the access road round to the left.

Cross the dual carriageway, and Reading Station is straight ahead.