

Freedom Pass circuit

Section 5-6: Burnham to Maidenhead

Distance: 8.02 mi, 12.83 km

Introduction

The direct route between Burnham and Maidenhead via Twyford is largely built up, so this section takes a loop south of the railway, avoiding Twyford. It is partly along the Jubilee River and partly along the Thames.

There is a pub in Dorney, and plenty of places to eat in Maidenhead. The gap between the two is about 1½ hours.

Directions

Go straight out of Burnham Station, then turn right under the railway line.

Keep straight on to the traffic lights.

Then cross the main road and turn right onto a residential road parallel to the main road.

At the next traffic lights, turn left along St Andrews Way, then right into St Georges Crescent.

Turn right at the T junction (still St Georges Crescent).

Turn right into The Close.

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

Turn left at the T junction.

Keep on the path to the end, then carry on along Oldway Lane.

At the end, go straight ahead through the yellow barrier, and cross a carpark.

Turn left onto a tarmac path, alongside the carpark.

Follow the path to the corner of the park, then turn left out of it.

Immediately turn sharp right and go over the motorway.

Follow the path alongside the motorway, then through a wood (keeping to the main path), over a footbridge and out into the open.

Just after another footbridge, bear right and then right again. [As an alternative, could keep going south here.]

Bear right along the right-hand edge of a field.

At the corner, carry on straight ahead along the right-hand edge of the next field.

About two-thirds of the way along, go through the kissing gate on the right.

Turn left and aim towards a rusty metal gate.

Keep going towards The Pineapple.

Turn left then immediately right along Ashford Lane.

On the right bend, carry on straight ahead.

After a long footbridge, turn right. We are now on the Jubilee River Way.

Bear right at the first fork.

Go under the M4, and take the next turning left (a rather obscure footpath beside a fence with a lawn beyond).

Join a minor road, which bends right and climbs up an embankment.

Cross over the road, and carry on down the ramp on the other side.

Carry on along another minor road.

Noisy but traffic-free

At the T junction, turn left then right alongside the M4.

Go down a flight of steps on the right, and turn right alongside the Thames.

Quiet but may have some traffic

At the T junction, turn right, then take the next turning left.

On the right bend, go straight on.

Turn right alongside the Thames.

Follow the path alongside the Thames for more than a mile.

Just before the railway, take the footpath on the left under the Sounding Arch.

Just after the white gate, take another footpath on the left.

After going under the main road, keep turning right until you cross over the Thames.

Take the first left, Guards Club Road.

Turn right, just before Guards Club Park.

At the T junction, turn left.

Take the footpath on the right, between nos. 15 and 17.

Carry on across the end of a residential road.

After a right bend, turn right then left into The Farthingales. (To the left there is a pub.)

On a right bend, keep straight on along Sadlers Mews.

Turn left between the garages.

Turn right along Oldfield Road, cross the main road, then turn left alongside it.

Take the next right, after a parade of shops.

On the right bend, turn left.

At the next intersection, carry straight on across the grass.

Go through a gap, and carry on in the same direction towards a green footbridge.

Go over the footbridge and immediately turn right.

Follow the grey fence round to the left.

Pass under the main road. The path here has been under several inches of water for at least the past two years. If this is still the case, go up the ramp to the main road, turn right, cross the main road, turn left, turn right along the riverbank, and cross back to the other bank once you are past the multi-storey carpark.

At the end, go up the steps and keep going straight on, with the river on your right.

Cross the High Street and another road, and go under the railway.

At the next road, turn right.

Turn right just after the mini-roundabout, then left then right round a multi-storey carpark.

At the T junction turn left.

Cross the main road, and Maidenhead Station is ahead on the right.