

Walk 13: A Circuit of Lower Earley

This is a mainly flat walk that combines elements of walks 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 10 with other paths to create a pleasing circuit of Lower Earley. The route starts at Chalfont Park in the west and goes to the river Loddon in the east and back without retracing your steps. It uses the area's extensive network of tarmac paths/cycleways and gravel paths to link parks, nature reserves and other green spaces with minimal use of pavements. Warning: After prolonged periods of intense rainfall the river Loddon is prone to flooding. The path beside the river from point 19 and in the Wood of Eagles after point 21 may be impassable. Alternative 'dryfoot' directions are provided in the route instructions should this be the case.

Length

6.1 miles (9.8 km). Allow 3 hours plus stops.

Starting Point

Car	-	Chalfont Court Car Park, Chalfont Way, Earley RG6 5HQ (adjacent Suttons Bowls Club) OS Grid Ref: SU 7413 7000.w3w: ///levels.tricky.price
Bus	19b	Chalfont Court Asda stop (next to car park entrance).
	21	Chalfont Circle stop and walk 300m along Chalfont Way past the red post box. Join the walk at point (2)
	19b	Dene Close stop. Walk along Beech Lane to join the walk at Collins Drive, point (6)
	21	Hawkendon Way stop. Walk in the direction of bus travel to where Rushey Way crosses the underpass. Go down the steps and join the walk just after point (13).
	4/Xa 19a/b/c	The George stop, Wokingham Road. Walk down the road past the garage to a public footpath sign opposite the George and turn right down the steps to start at point (19)

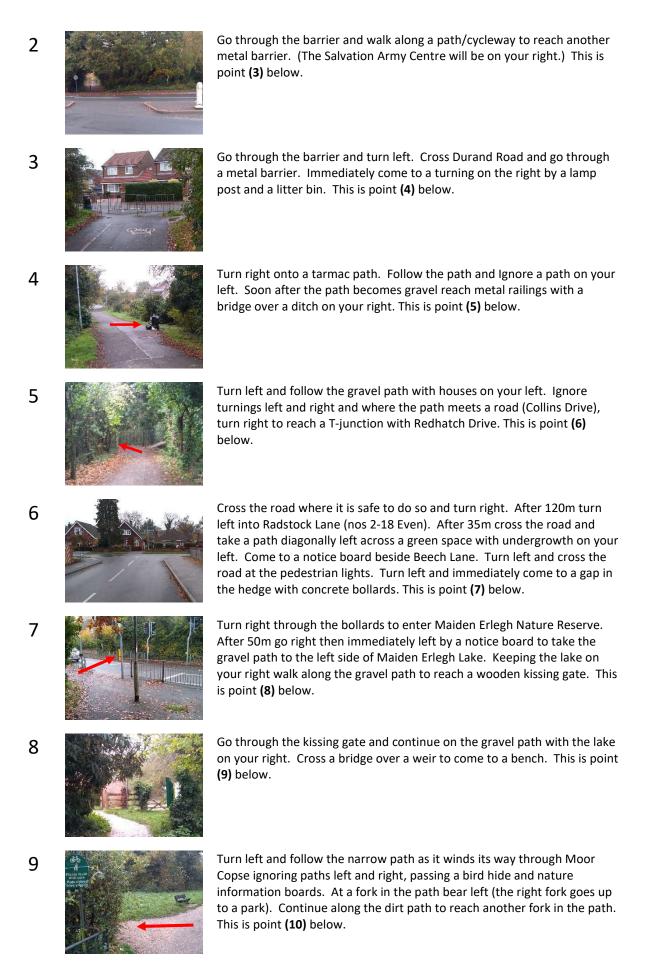
Refreshments

Near the Start at point (1) McDonalds's. The Square, Lower Earley Costa Coffee. The Square, Lower Earley (opposite the BP petrol station) Toby Carvery pub/restaurant. Chalfont Way, Lower Earley Asda Kitchen, Asda, Lower Earley Maiden Place Shopping Centre. Turn right at point (26), 200m turn left on alley towards Sainsbury's Local Rustic Café Seven Red Roses pub Near point (19) The George pub

Route Instructions (See map below for numbered points)



Go under the yellow barrier at the entrance to the car park. Turn left and walk on the pavement to just past a mini roundabout. Cross the road at the traffic island to come to metal barrier. This is point (2) below.



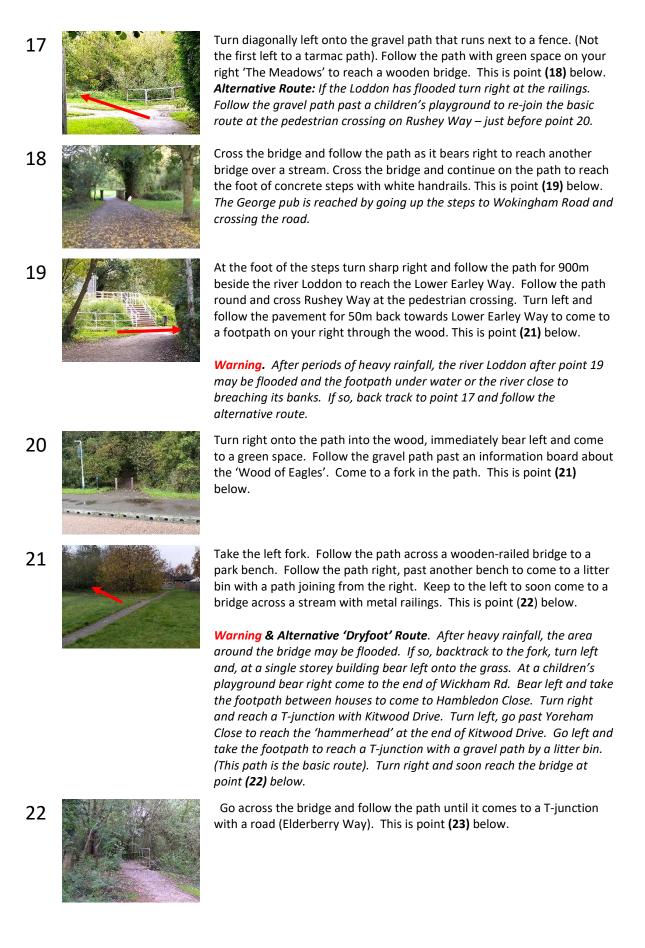
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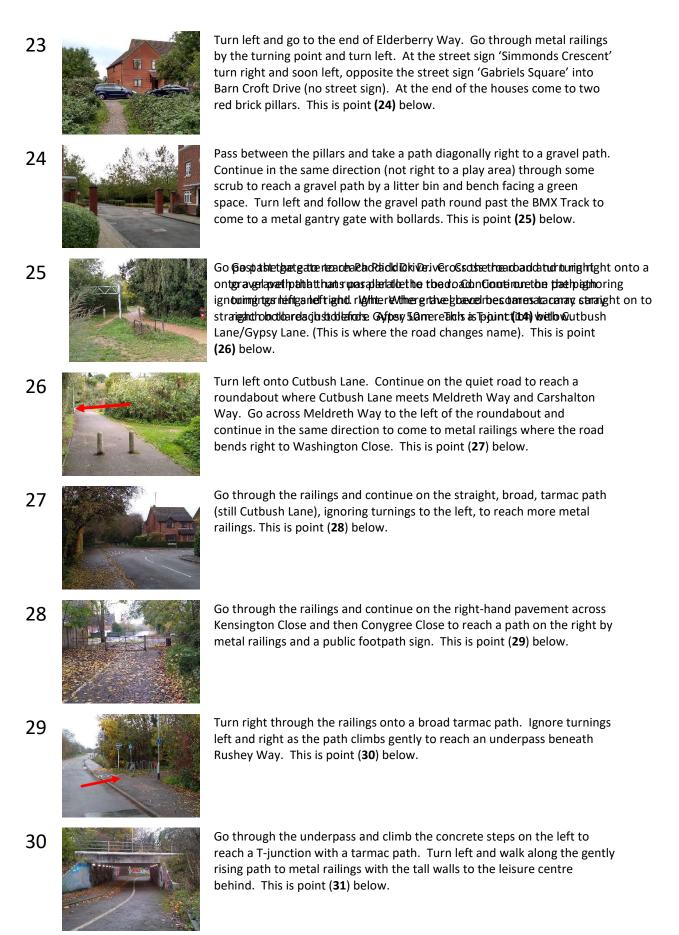




Cross the road and continue on the footpath to come to metal railings. This is point **(17)** below.

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Go through the railings and immediately turn sharp left through more railings onto a tarmac path. Continue down the path to reach a bus shelter and a notice board on Rushey Way. This is point (**32**) below. (*No 21 bus, Chatton Close stop*).

Alternative Route (avoids walking along Rushey Way). At point 31 turn right and then immediately left at the 'District Centre signpost. Continue on the path past the rear of the leisure centre, between the library and the church and under the covered walkway beside Asda. Reach a pedestrian crossing by Adsa Café. Go over the crossing, through a barrier and bear left uphill to reach Chalfont Way. Turn sharp right, go across the pedestrian crossing and turn right. The car park is just past the bus stop.

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Turn right and walk along Rushey Way passing Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, the service road to Asda and a pedestrian crossing to the roundabout where Rushey Way meets Chalfont Way. This is point (**33**) below



Carefully cross Chalfont Way at the traffic island to the right of the roundabout (towards Toby Carvery). Turn right and continue along Chalfont Way. Cross the service road by the petrol station at the traffic island to the left of the roundabout. Continue along Chalfont Way past the pedestrian lights and the bus stop to reach the car park and journey's end.

