

## Marsh Lock footbridge closed. Diversion, via Harpsden, from Henley to Shiplake.

This is a 2.7 mile (4.3km) diversion route, which could take 1hr 15 minutes to walk. You will rejoin the Thames Path National Trail outside The Baskerville Arms pub at Lower Shiplake.

If you would prefer to take the train from Henley to Shiplake, please go to Henley railway station for a 5 minute journey to Shiplake Station and rejoin the Thames Path at The Baskerville Arms pub. Train information: <https://www.gwr.com/>

There is the Arriva 800 bus service between High Wycombe and Reading. From Marsh Lock, walk up Mill Lane to the A415, turn right and the Newtown bus stop is straight ahead. 10 minute journey to Lower Shiplake Station Road. Walk down Station Road to rejoin the Thames Path at The Baskerville Arms pub. Bus timetables: <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/find-a-service/800-850-x80-high-wycombe-to-henley-on-thames-and-reading>

## Walk the diversion route on Public Rights of Way and permissive footpaths in Harpsden Woods

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/woods/harpsden-peveril-woods/>



From Marsh Lock walk up Mill Lane, over the railway bridge to the A4155. Cross the road, turn right and then left into Noble Road.



Walk straight ahead, past the YMCA hostel on the left and onto a Public Bridleway, Peppard Lane.



At the next road turn left onto Harpsden Way.



Cross the road to a pavement, continue past houses. As the road goes downhill, there is no pavement for approximately 215 yds (0.2km).

The road bears right past Harpsden Court and Harpsden church. Cross the road at the church and continue to the next junction.



Bear left on the Public Bridleway uphill into Harpsden Woods.



Steep incline into the woods and bear left on Public Bridleway to walk alongside a wire fence through the wood.



Cross Woodlands Road into Harpsden Woods. Bear left on a permissive path, walk past fallen trees, bear left and return to Woodlands Road.



Here you turn right onto a Public Footpath with a wooden fence on the left, and then on both sides.

At the end turn left onto a Private Road, with a Public Bridleway that is part of The Chiltern Way Berkshire Loop.



Cross Woodlands Road again and continue on the Public Bridleway past Cray House and Little Beeches. This track goes downhill to the A4155.



At the A4155 turn right and follow the pavement to the pedestrian crossing point. Cross the road and follow the pavement back to a metal gate on the right.



Go through the metal gate onto a Public Footpath between two fields. At the next metal gate continue onto Northfield Avenue.

At the end of Northfield Avenue the Thames Path continues across Station Road, past The Baskerville Arms pub on the left, and along Mill Lane, Lower Shiplake towards Sonning and Reading.

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