

THAMES PATH: Trail 5 Marlow to Henley

Marlow Grid Ref SU849860 – start from Higginson Park (11 mins walk from station) Henley on Thames Grid Reference SU763825 (Henley Bridge)

TOTAL DISTANCE 8.5 miles/13.7kms



GWR Thames Branches Day Ranger

This ticket allows you to travel between London Paddington and Tilehurst, just past Reading as well as the Thames Valley branch lines to Greenford, Windsor & Eton Central, Bourne End/Marlow and Henley on Thames. GWR.com/Discover

For further information:

Visit Thames: www.visitthames.co.uk/ThamesValley-GWR

Thames Path National Trail: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thames-path

Great Western Railway: www.gwr.com/destinations-and-events/top-destinations/thames-valley







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Check out the local offers, available on production of your ticket when you travel by train:

- Stonor Park 10% discount
- River & Rowing Museum 2FOR1
- Angel on the Bridge (Oct-Mar) complimentary 1/2 pint of Brakspear, 125ml glass of house wine or a soft drink with any main course.

Directions

By Rail/Bus: Arrive by rail with Great Western Railway (GWR) at Marlow. **By Car:** The A4155 runs through Marlow town centre, and Marlow is close to the A404, M4 and M40.

Return: During the Summer you can return by boat from Henley with **Salters Steamers** to Marlow. Arriva 850 bus takes 20 mins to Marlow. GWR operates from Henley but to return to Marlow, 2 changes are required: Twyford and Maidenhead.

Cycle Hire is available from Henley on Thames Station.

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THE WALK

- START at Higginson Park, Marlow. Marlow is one of the loveliest locations on the River Thames; the vibrant Georgian market town is made up of historic streets, an abundance of vintage and modern boutique shops, restaurants, cafes, bistros and pubs.
- Follow the Thames Path to the right and along the towpath past the lock to the Temple Footbridge. Cross Temple Bridge and continue ahead to Hurley Lock. The path crosses the lock out to the island and re-crosses to the towpath at Hurley. Here there are the ruins of a Benedictine Priory, a church and two pubs.
- Continue along the riverbank before passing through iron gates into Culham Court deer park. Bear right across the park to a second iron gate and continue to Aston Road. Head down past the Flower Pot Inn to Aston Ferry, then left, passing through a gate and along an access road, through a kissing-gate towards Hambleden Lock and a series of weirs. A gate takes you along the Thames Path towards Temple Island with views of Italianate mansion Greenlands, now a hotel and business school.
- After Temple Island is the Regatta reach where the Thames Path passes Remenham (a short detour takes in Remenham Church), before
 passing Remenham and Upper Thames rowing clubs. Cross a high footbridge as you come to the end of the Henley Regatta Course,
 head up the path to the pedestrian island. Cross over the elegant 1780s bridge into Henley, the famous regatta town. Henley has long
 been associated with festivals and regattas. Combine your walk with one of these events.

Things to Do:

- Marlow Relax in Higginson Park, take a boat trip with Salters Steamers. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Dine at Sindhu by Atul Kochhar at Macdonald Compleat Angler or Tom Kerridge's The Hand & Flowers, the first gastropub to hold two Michelin stars.
- Henley on Thames With the backdrop of the Chilterns, Henley offers quirky shopping and plenty of things to do. River & Rowing Museum, enjoy an afternoon tea cruise, or hire a boat for an hour or two with Hobbs of Henley. Try your hand at canoeing with Henley Canoe Hire.
 A 10 min. drive/taxi ride will take you to Stonor Park dating back to the 12th century visit the house dressed for Christmas 25/11-15/12.
- Brakspear's pubs provide a relaxing setting after your walk, with plenty to choose from in Henley and Marlow. The best for Thames-side al fresco dining is The Angel on the Bridge at Henley. Explore the Henley Ale Trail.

Events:

- Gin Tasting Cruise with Hobbs of Henley a gin tasting experience whilst cruising along the River Thames. 20/9, 18/10, 20-21/12
- Henley Literary Festival, one of the UK's biggest book festivals, over 170 talks, Q&As, workshops and performances. 28/9-6/10
- Take in a show at the Kenton Theatre, Henley comedy, drama, music, talks and more.
- Rebellion Brewery Tours, Marlow Tours on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. £13.00 6 drinks tokens or £ 6.50 2 drink tokens.
- Claytons Bar and Kitchen, Marlow BOUTIQUE CINEMA, LIVE MUSIC, DJS. Check out the event calendar.

Stay: Macdonald Compleat Angler, Marlow | Danesfield House, between Henley & Marlow | Henley Greenlands Hotel, Henley | Brakspear Pubs, Marlow and Henley

Henley www.visitthames.co.uk/Henley-on-Thames | Marlow www.visitthames.co.uk/Marlow

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