

Wokingham Way – Section 1 Shiplake to Mill End

This section follows the Thames from Lower Shiplake to Hambleden lock. It passes through Henley, best known for one of the society events of the summer season.

Distance: 5¼ miles

OS Map: Landranger 175, Explorer 171

Start: Park in Crowsley Road, Lower Shiplake Grid ref [SU772796](#) Postcode RG9 3JU

Finish: Car park on road from Mill End (on A4155) to Hambleden Grid ref [SU785856](#) RG9 6TL

Turn right out of Crowsley Road, walk down Station Road and cross the railway line. Turn immediately left to follow the [Thames Path](#) at first beside the railway line and then turning right, eventually crossing a gravelled private road before meeting (Bolney Road). Turn left and following the Thames Path signs continue to the end of the road then take the path to the left of the private drive ahead. Shortly, in the large garden on your right, notice the narrow gauge railway complete with station buildings. The path passes over a short wooden bridge before crossing a field to the riverside.

1 Follow the path through the meadow with the Thames on your right and in a few hundred yards look out for a light grey house on the opposite bank of the river. Above and behind is the historic stone built [Conway's Bridge](#) carrying the A321 Wargrave to Henley road. At the end of the meadow enter a narrow footpath leading to a long footbridge over the waters of the Thames to reach Marsh Lock. The footbridge continues beyond the lock and the water on your left, after leaving the sluice gates, can at times be very rough! Follow Thames Path signs turning right on the tarmac riverside path past Mill Meadow and continue on riverside pavements past pleasure boats and buildings to reach Henley Bridge.

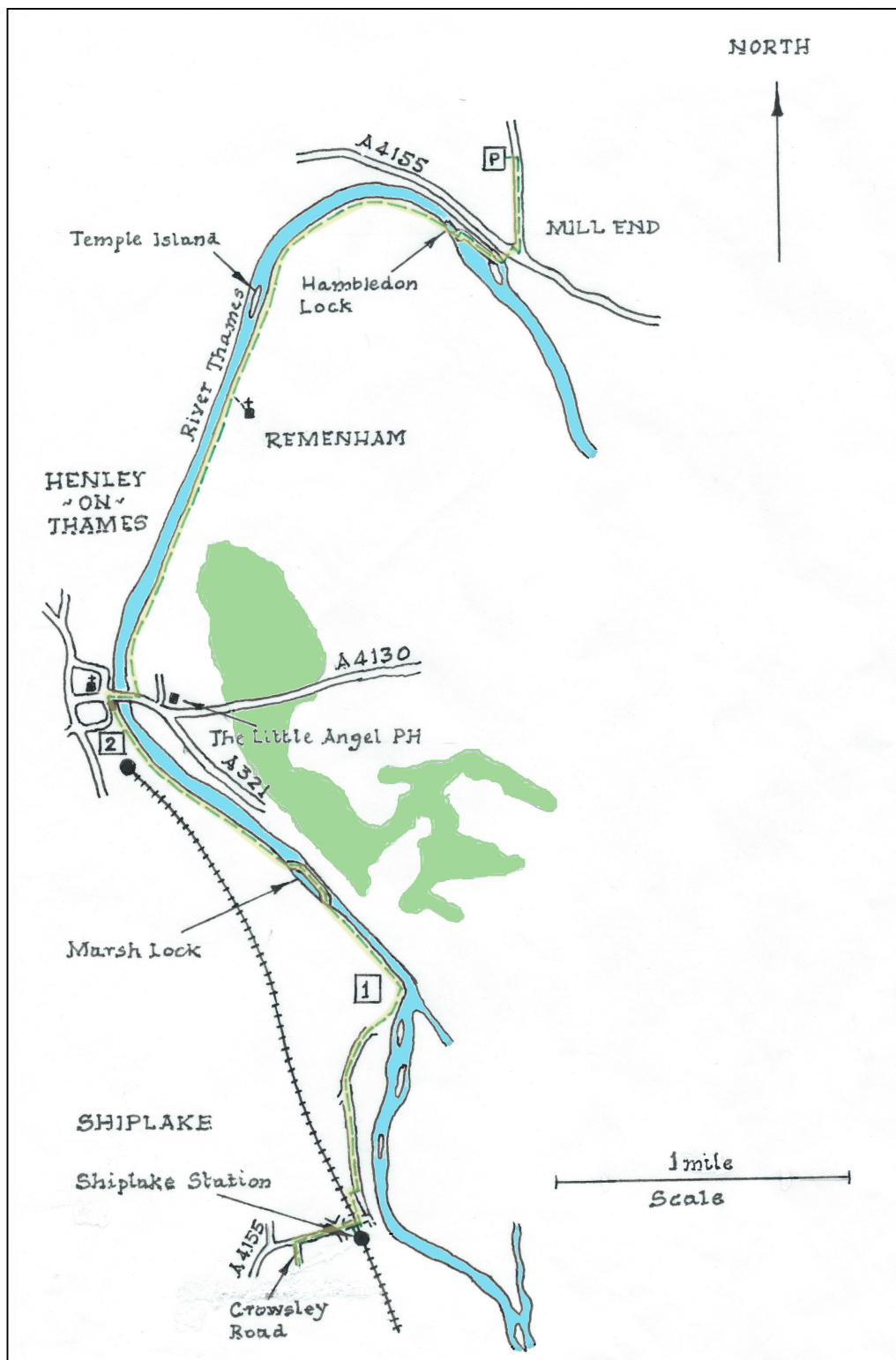
2 Cross the road at traffic lights by the Angel on the Bridge and then cross the Thames. About 35 yards from the bridge turn left following the Thames path sign through a walkway flanked with ivy to the left and the brick wall of the [Leander Club](#) on the right.

Keep to the riverbank passing Temple Island and eventually reaching Hambleden Lock. [Temple Island](#) lies at the start of the course for [Henley Royal Regatta](#). **To go to car park:** at far end of lock turn left over lock gate and over weir. Bear left and pass between cottages. Cross road with care and follow pavement going round to left alongside road sign posted to Hambleden. The car park is 500 yards from the junction.

To continue on section 2 of the walk: continue on the Thames Path following instructions from paragraph 1 in section 2.

For information on public transport back to the start point, [click here](#)

When you walk this route, if you find any problems with map or instructions, please advise the Loddon Valley Ramblers' Footpaths Officer at paths@lvra.org.uk, with a description of the problem and enough information to identify the location, ideally with a grid reference. Thank you!



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1	Text reference
A	Point of interest