

Wokingham Way - Section 8 Beech Hill to Madejski Park and Ride

This section takes you from rural Beech Hill over the M4 to newly developed Green Park on the west side of Reading.

Distance: 5 miles

OS Map: Landranger 175, Explorer 159

Start: Wood Lane, Beech Hill Grid ref [SU702644](#) Postcode RG7 2BN
Roadside parking on Wood Lane

Finish: Madejski Stadium Park & Ride Grid ref [SU705697](#) RG2 0FL. *Parking not advisable on match days - See Reading FC fixtures list [here](#); London Irish fixtures [here](#).*

Walk along Wood Lane passing 'Beech Hill House' on your left. Pass round a metal gate where the lane becomes a public bridleway. Where the public bridleway turns right, turn left onto a byway which goes over a wooden footbridge. Follow this byway out to (Beech Hill Road) opposite the entrance to Brook Farm. Turn right along Beech Hill Road passing over the A33 dual carriageway.

Turn left into Yew Tree Lane and at its end cross the road and follow a footpath sign to go past Whitehouse Farm Mobile Home Park. The path now takes you into a wood following a well-defined path until you reach a wooden sleeper bridge over a bog.

1 Cross the bridge and turn left on to a bridleway which slowly descends to meet a bend on a byway just before the A33 on the left. Turn right here and follow this byway, adjacent to the A33, for just over one mile until reaching the approaches to the M4/A33 junction (J11). (En route, on reaching a residential area and Kingfisher Grove continue ahead along the road, rejoining the byway where the road bends right).

2 At Three Mile Cross, with J11 in sight, cross the road via the traffic-light-controlled pedestrian crossings and join a tarmac path opposite. Ignoring an inviting gravel track below, which leads to the nearby housing estate, continue along the tarmac path, now alongside the main road, to reach a prominent footbridge across the roundabout. Take this footbridge, and then a second bridge across the M4 itself, and cross a slip road to reach a third footbridge. Cross again via this bridge, ignoring its right fork, continuing ahead towards the buildings of Green Park where you can see the Madejski Stadium in the distance.

On reaching the road ahead, cross over to reach a black brick and green glass building. See  for **alternative route**. Turn left heading back towards J11. Approaching the roundabout, the tarmac path ends and becomes a downward-leading gravel track. The gravel track then becomes a rough dirt track, which soon has high fences to each side. Follow this rather dull section for about 700 yards, keeping the chain link fence to the right, until eventually reaching a small watercourse. Here turn right, with the water on your left, and soon the path crosses the water and rises to join South Oak Way, adjacent to the large wind turbine. Walk past the wind turbine and continue to walk along the road to a roundabout. Here turn right into Brook Drive and follow a broad roadside footpath until you come to a path on the right with steps leading up to the Madejski Stadium car park.

➤ **Alternative Route:** To avoid the fenced path described in the previous paragraph, turn right along the A33 dual carriageway. Turn left onto South Oak Way following signs to Madejski Stadium and take Hurst Way and then Biscuit Way to reach the stadium car park.

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!

