

Station to station alongside the Kennet and Thames

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Class: Moderate; Distance: 6.8 miles (11 km); Total ascent: 26 ft (8 metres)

This linear walk starts at Reading Green Park station and heads along a lane and a very short section of footpath across a water meadow (may be damp) to join the Kennet & Avon Canal towpath. After a short detour from the towpath into a nature reserve, the canal path reaches Fobney Lock. After crossing the bridge over the canal, the walk continues along the towpath into Reading town centre. The towpath continues beside the River Kennet through the Oracle shopping area and after crossing a road (Duke Street) it passes Blake's Lock before going under the Isambard Kingdom Brunel railway bridge, to the confluence of the Kennet and the Thames. Continue over the historic Horseshoe Bridge and walk alongside the Thames before crossing over the lock and weir to Caversham. At the far side of the weir, there is an option to go onto View Island from where you can see the Reading Hydro twin turbines and the associated fish pass before looping back over the Thames via the footbridge to Reading Station.

Start: Reading Green Park Station carpark

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