



LOWER EARLEY GREEN CORRIDOR TRAIL

Route Directions – from The George PH on Wokingham Road to Shinfield Road

NB:

- **Follow main paths and ignore minor paths on either side, unless otherwise indicated.**
- **Take care crossing roads at Rushey Way, Meldreth Way, Cutbush Lane, and Beeston Way.**
- **The trail starts on the south side of Wokingham Road, directly opposite The George PH (The George bus stops are a few metres to the west) and ends near Duckett’s Farm bus stop on Shinfield Road.**
- **There is also a mid-walk bus stop at Litlington Close near Meldreth Way – see directions below.**

1. The start of the trail is on the south side of Wokingham Road directly opposite The George PH. It is near The George bus stops (Reading Buses Routes 4 and 4a) – to reach the start from the bus stops, walk towards the big “Showcase” roundabout. There is a waymarker on a public footpath sign at the start of the trail.



2. Follow the path away from Wokingham Road, then descend the steps or slope and turn left at the bottom.
3. Follow a gravel path parallel to the River Loddon for about 800m (15 minutes walking), crossing a small wooden bridge, to reach a public footpath sign on your left.
4. On reaching the sign, ignore the path heading left, and continue ahead on the track, which bends to the right to reach a pedestrian crossing on Rushey Way.

5. Go across the crossing, ignore the path ahead and instead turn left along the pavement of Rushey Way.



6. After about 30m, turn right to follow the waymarked path through the trees.



7. On emerging from the trees, follow the narrow gravel path ahead, to reach a waymarked fork in the path.
8. Follow the waymarker to fork left and then follow the track for about 500m, crossing a bridge, to reach another waymarker on the edge of the Wood of Eagles.

9. Turn left into the wood, and follow the waymarkers through the wood, to emerge on the landscaped area around Barn Croft Drive.

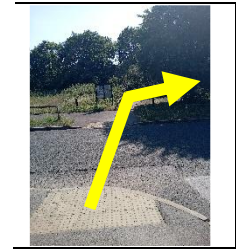


10. Follow the waymarker at the edge of the wood to bear left, then follow the gravel paths and waymarkers, crossing Barn Croft Drive, before continuing ahead to go through a gap in the trees.



11. On emerging from the trees, turn left onto a gravel path and follow this for about 200m, passing a BMX track on your left, before bearing slightly right to emerge on to Paddick Drive.

12. Carefully cross Paddick Drive, then follow a track to the right of the noticeboard on the opposite side of the road as it curves right.



13. After only a few metres along this track, turn sharp left up a small bank onto a grassy area near houses in Lidstone Close and head across this grassy area, following the waymark, to emerge through trees on to Meldreth Way.

14. Carefully cross Meldreth Way, and enter Swallows Meadow through the gate on the other side.

(Alternatively, turn left along Meldreth Way and take the first road on the left (Chatteris Way) to reach the Littington Close bus stop (Reading Buses Route 19b)).

15. Follow the path ahead through Swallows Meadow, bearing left at the waymarker and following the path for another 200m before entering woodland to the left of a close-boarded fence.

16. Follow the waymarked path through the woodland for around 800m (15 minutes of walking), passing an old “dumping prohibited” sign and crossing a wooden bridge), before eventually reaching a metal gate.

17. Go through the gate, turn left, then through another gateway, and, after about 40m, turn right at the next waymarker.

18. Follow the path, which runs parallel to Danehill, to emerge on to Cutbush Lane.

19. Carefully cross Cutbush Lane, then turn left along its right-hand pavement, following this as it crosses Bradmore Way and keeping to the same side of the road as it curves to the right into Beeston Way. (Ignore the cycle route leading off to the left).



20. About 70m along Beeston Way, turn left to carefully cross Beeston Way (extreme caution needed) and enter the field on the other side.



21. On entering the field, turn left in front of a wooden fence, then right by the information board (ignoring the path that turns left into the trees) and follow the grassy path as it heads uphill along the left-hand field edge.



22. Keep to the left-hand edge of the field and the walk through the tree “tunnel”.

23. On emerging from the “tunnel”, keep to the left-hand side of the field, heading downhill. At the bottom, continue straight on uphill along a broad track, to enter Pearmans Copse at the top.

24. Follow the waymarkers through Pearmans Copse, and then continue on the same path through an open area, to emerge on to Shinfield Road, where the trail ends. The Duckett’s Farm bus stops are visible, a few metres away from where you emerge.