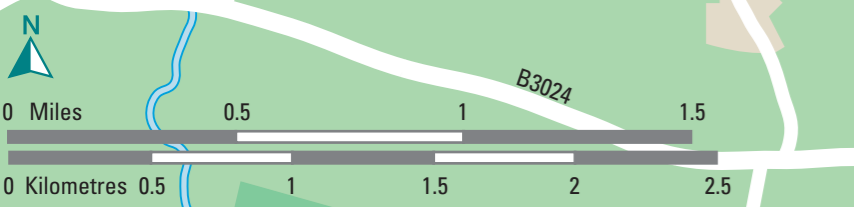




Maidenhead

When you are on the National Cycle Network you will see these signs.

- National Cycle Network traffic-free
- National Cycle Network on-road
- Link and other route, mostly traffic free
- Railway (station)
- Take care point
- Tourist attraction
- Pub
- Cafe
- Information centre



- ### Points to note
- ① There is no easy cycle route between Maidenhead Bridge and the start of the Jubilee River path at the Berry Hill traffic lights. If you are not confident cycling along the A4, push your bike along the footway.
 - ② Amerden Lane has a very poor surface with many potholes, but is great fun on a mountain bike!
 - ③ The path around Bray Lake has special barriers, which some may find difficult to negotiate.
 - ④ Sections of the route through Dorney Lake Park are grass only. They are usually quite rideable, but can be slippery when wet.
 - ⑤ Some parts of the new bridleway between Mercian Way and Manor Farm Bridge are awaiting surface improvements. Take care in the meantime.
 - ⑥ The routes through Ditton Park are available during daylight hours only. At other times use the alternative route via the A4 London Road between Upton Court Park and Brand's Hill.
 - ⑦ Take care when using the spiral ramps and bridge/underpass to cross the motorway junction at Brand's Hill.
 - ⑧ The path under the M4 may be closed at times of high flow on the Jubilee River.

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The main routes on this map are based on the Jubilee River Cycleway, its eastward extension into Slough Linear Park and the section of the Thames Valley Cycle Route that passes through the area. These routes are all part of the National Cycle Network, National Routes 61 and 4. This leaflet shows where these routes are and how they can be easily accessed via links from the built-up areas around Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead and the surrounding villages.



Being mainly within the flood plain of the River Thames, the routes are flat and make for easy cycling and walking. Most of the paths are well surfaced and are also suitable and accessible for pushchairs and disabled users, particularly the Jubilee River path, Slough Linear Park and the Thames Valley Cycle Route. The surfaces of small sections of the main paths and some parts of the link routes are in need of some improvement and wherever possible this has been noted in this leaflet. Where these have been identified, they should be regarded as less suitable for disabled users, novice cyclists and road bicycles with narrow tyres.

The traffic-free routes shown are a combination of public rights of way, shared-use paths alongside some main roads and other paths over which rights to cycle have been permitted by the landowner. The leaflet does not attempt to distinguish between these, although permitted paths are usually identified by signs erected at entry points. Also indicated on the map are some on-road sections where these form part of National Cycle Network Routes or where they provide essential links between traffic-free paths.

Despite its proximity to the busy M4 and A4 transport corridor, these are in the main surprisingly quiet and peaceful routes surrounded mainly by farmland, woodland and open pasture.

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Over the past decade a network of new traffic-free cycle routes have been constructed and made available within the mainly rural area between the towns of Slough, Maidenhead and Windsor. These routes, which can be easily accessed from many locations, aim to connect people and local communities with places of work, leisure and other centres. As such they provide ideal opportunities for family leisure cycling and to facilitate cycle journeys to work or school.

The routes are a partnership between Slough Borough Council, the Environment Agency, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Buckinghamshire County Council, the Millennium Commission and Sustrans, together with major landowners including Eton College, Dorney Lake Trust, CA, Summerleaze Ltd and Grundon Waste Management Ltd.

Sustrans and the National Cycle Network

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, working on practical projects so people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment. The charity is behind many groundbreaking projects including the National Cycle Network, over twelve thousand miles of traffic-free, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes around the UK. We are the charity making a difference today so everyone can live a better tomorrow.

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The Jubilee River & Slough Linear Park

Traffic-free cycling opportunities between Slough, Maidenhead and Windsor



CYCLE MAP

BERKSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Attractions along the routes

The Jubilee River www.environment-agency.co.uk

The seven-mile-long man-made flood channel was constructed by the Environment Agency and opened in 2002. Running between Maidenhead and Windsor, it provides a haven for fish, birds, animals and people. Highlights include the 'Dorney Wetlands', an area specially created to provide a superb breeding and feeding habitat for many bird species. A well surfaced 3-metre-wide path follows its entire length, with most of this being available to cyclists. National Route 61 starts at the A4 bridge at Taplow and follows the Jubilee River before branching off at The Myrke continue eastwards through the Slough Linear Park.

Slough Linear Park

As the name implies, this is a narrow green corridor, developed by Slough Borough Council and other partners, with a footpath/cyclepath provided along its length. It starts at the borough boundary at Manor Farm Bridge and extends along Jubilee River, then through Upton Court Park and Ditton Park to the edge of the Queen Mother Reservoir. The land to connect Upton Court Park and Ditton Park and thus complete the Linear Park has now been acquired by the Council and path construction should be completed during 2008. Much of the funding for new paths within the Linear Park has been provided by Grundon Waste Management Ltd via the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

Ditton Park www.ca.com

Ditton Manor and estate, formerly the home of Lord Montagu, was purchased by the Admiralty in 1917 for research purposes and subsequently acquired in 1997 by Computer Associates Ltd. CA (as it is now known) constructed its European HQ at Ditton Park and as part of a planning agreement has opened up a footpath/cyclepath through the park. Thus, with the opening of the north-south route in 2006, public access to this magnificent parkland became available for the first time. The east-west route will also be opened once the Linear Park link to Upton Court Park is constructed later in 2008.

Dorney Lake Park www.dorneylake.com

Splendid park and arboretum set around the 2,000-metre Eton College Rowing Lake, a venue for the 2012 Olympics, and open to the public throughout the year. National Route 4 runs through the park from the Thames at Summerleaze Bridge through to Boveney.

Windsor and Eton www.windsor.gov.uk

The historic town centres of Windsor and Eton together with the adjacent riverside areas need little introduction and are certainly worth a visit. They are easy to access by bike from the various cycle routes shown. Elsewhere along the river, cycling is permitted on part of the Thames Path between Eton Wick and Windsor as shown on the route map overleaf.

Additional cycling opportunities

Thames Valley Cycle Route (TVCR) www.sustrans.org.uk

Part of National Route 4 of the National Cycle Network which is a continuous route going all the way from the Thames Barrage in London to St Davids in Pembrokeshire! Running locally between Windsor and Maidenhead, it continues eastwards through Windsor Great Park to Runnymede, Staines and then on to London. Westwards from Maidenhead, it runs via Knowl Hill and Wargrave to Reading. From there the TVCR takes National Route 5 to Oxford, while National Route 4 follows the Kennet and Avon Cycle Route all the way to Bristol and beyond. Locally there is an excellent traffic-free section between Cox Green and Knowl Hill. Just follow the National Route 4 signs from Maidenhead Station! A full route map of the TVCR is available from Sustrans.

Windsor Great Park www.theroyallandscape.co.uk

Easily accessed by following the National Route 4 signs from Windsor Leisure Centre, Windsor Great Park is an excellent area for both novice and experienced cyclists alike. Cyclists can use most of the very quiet tarmac roads, but please note that cycling is not permitted on the Long Walk or anywhere off road.

Other cycle routes within Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead

www.slough.gov.uk www.rbwm.gov.uk

Both Slough Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead produce separate maps showing all recommended cycle routes within the towns. Copies are available from their respective offices, visitor information centres and some bike shops. Alternatively see their websites for details.

Opportunities for new or inexperienced cyclists

A small local group formed in association with Slough Borough Council and Sustrans, and known as Slough Freewheelers, will provide guided rides for new or inexperienced cyclists or those that would simply prefer to ride with a group. The rides are generally around six miles long and normally on traffic-free routes depicted on this leaflet. The rides take place once a month on a Saturday, either from Upton Court Park or Dorney Court. If you are interested, call Gerald Pleace at Slough Borough Council on 01753 875566 or e-mail him at gerald.pleace@slough.gov.uk for details.



Cycle hire

If you don't have your own bicycle, but would like to cycle some of the routes shown on this leaflet, cycles can be hired from Windsor Cycle Hire at Alexandra Gardens in Windsor (01753 830220), Stows Cycles in Dedworth Road, Windsor (01753 520529) or from DNA Cycles, High St, Maidenhead (01628 780026).

Remember

All the traffic-free routes shown on this leaflet are also used by walkers, disabled users and in some cases horse riders. Cyclists must slow down when approaching other users and give them priority at all times.