

## **Description**:

A lovely family friendly riverside stroll from Henley train station that takes you through the green spaces of Mill Meadows and along the Thames Path National Trail on the banks of the river Thames. There is also a slightly shorter version available – search 'Henley Short Loop' for details.

Entertainment stops are available at several points on this walk; the River and Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows Adventure playground, or the

adventure golf course which celebrates the cultural and sporting heritage of the town. The town centre of Henley is also just a short walk and boasts many shops, cafes and restaurants.

Distance: 2 miles Duration: 1.5hrs Difficulty: Easy

## Parking, refreshments, and toilets:

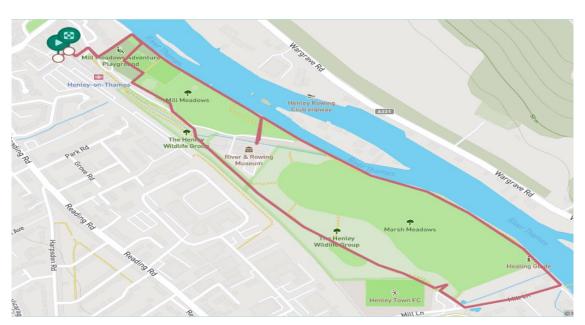
Refreshments, accessible toilets and accessible parking can be found at Henley train station and the River and Rowing Museum. There are also refreshments at the Piazza (this closes in bad weather, so check ahead).





to showing the path through Mill Meadows

Narrow boat moored at the side of the river





## **Full Route Description:**

This walk starts at Henley-on-Thames on the Great Western Railway which has regular trains & buses. Opposite the station there are toilets and also car parking is available here.

With the car park and toilets on your left, turn right to walk down the alleyway beside the station. You will only be on the alley for a short distance, but it is worth noting that it is narrow in places so double buggies and extra-large wheelchairs may have limited room either side. Continue to follow the alleyway with a brick wall on your left and metal fence on the right. As you exit you will be on Meadow Road - turn right here and walk along it.

Just along the road is a zebra crossing (with drop kerb), use this to cross over Meadow Road. Once you have crossed the road continue straight on a flat path which will lead your straight to the riverside. There is a playground on your right - Mill Meadows Adventure Playground – which may prove a popular stopping place if you have younger walkers with you!

At the river turn right and continue along the Thames Path. You will see an Obelisk in the meadow to your right – this is a Grade II structure. It was erected in Marketplace as a symbol of civic pride.

From here you will be on the Thames Path for 0.5 miles. Enjoy the views but be careful of the river's edge! Keep walking on the trail until you reach the end of the grass in Mill Meadows. Turn right and walk up the grassy edge of Mill Meadows until you can see a track in the grass on your right that heads back towards the River and Rowing Museum. \*The track can be boggy in wetter weather\*

If you'd like to stop off at the River and Rowing Museum, it makes for a lovely stop off. At the time of writing prices for adults are  $\pm 10$  and concessions are available. Check the website for up-to-date opening times. The museum also has a lovely café and toilets onsite. Once you are finished at the museum make your way back to the river and tur right to re-join the Thames Path.

Shortly after the museum bridge, on your right you will see Henley Piazza sat in the greenery of Mill Meadows. This sells refreshments and ice-creams and makes for a nice stop off. Follow the road around the café and continue until you find another set of toilets on your right.

When you have passed the toilets, turn right. Take the next left to walk along the avenue of trees. Turn right at the end to walk through the winding path that goes through the Sensory Garden. This path will take you back to the riverside – once you reach the river turn left.

Keep walking until you see a large-curved bench, and then turn left again. This brings us back to the path on our left -hand side they we took right at the start of the walk - the adventure park should be on your left - from here follow the path back up to the zebra crossing and the station.