

Marlow

Walk out from Jerome K Jerome's 'bustling, lively little town' of Marlow onto the banks of the Thames where 'the river itself is at its best', past historic buildings and then into the 'lovely country round about', through woodlands and alongside ancient archaeological sites

Circular Walk

Directions

- Follow the footpath across Higginson Park to the river bank and head upstream on the towpath, away from the town.
- After about 1½ miles, carry straight on for a detour to Temple Lock, or continue the walk by turning right and following the waymarks away from the river.
- At Low Grounds Farm, for a shorter walk, take the footpath heading back towards Marlow, otherwise turn left at East Lodge and head towards Harleyford Manor.
- Cross the drive and follow the waymarked route uphill past the club house. Continue up the steps and follow the path past Home Farm House.
- Follow the path to the A4155, cross the road and follow the verge to join the footpath leading past Danesfield School and up into Rassler Wood.
- Continue through the woods, cross a minor road and turn right near the Woodland Trust information board. Follow the Circular Walk signs through Marlow Common and Davenport Wood and out into open countryside then back to the A4155 via a small development.
- Cross the road and head back towards Marlow along Pound Lane.

Features of Interest

1 Marlow has been a popular place of residence since the 18th century and contains some fine examples of Georgian Architecture. Notable Marlow residents of the 19th century were Percy and Mary Shelley. The suspension bridge across the Thames, designed and built by William Tierney Clark in 1830, dominates the southern approach to the town.



2 Bisham Abbey, the one-time home of Elizabeth I and previously Anne of Cleves, the fourth wife of Henry VIII, is now owned by the Sports Council. The Abbey is reputedly haunted by the ghost of Lady Hoby (1528-1609).

3 Temple Locks were originally built in 1773 to replace the earlier single gated 'flashlock', which was very wasteful of water. 200 metres upstream is the Temple footbridge opened in 1989 to re-connect Buckinghamshire and Berkshire following the discontinuation of the Temple ferry in the 1950s.



4 Rassler Wood is an area of mixed woodland including beech, horse chestnut, cherry, birch and holly. The woods have an abundance of bluebells in spring.

5 The earth banks here, probably Saxon in origin, delineates the parish boundary between Great Marlow and Medmenham.

6 The earthworks through Pullingshill Wood and into Marlow Common are more recent in date, being training trenches dug during the First World War. An information board at the site gives more details.



7 As you approach Marlow town centre, the imposing red-brick building on the left is the former Wethered's Brewery which closed in 1988 and has since been converted for other purposes.

Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Further Information:

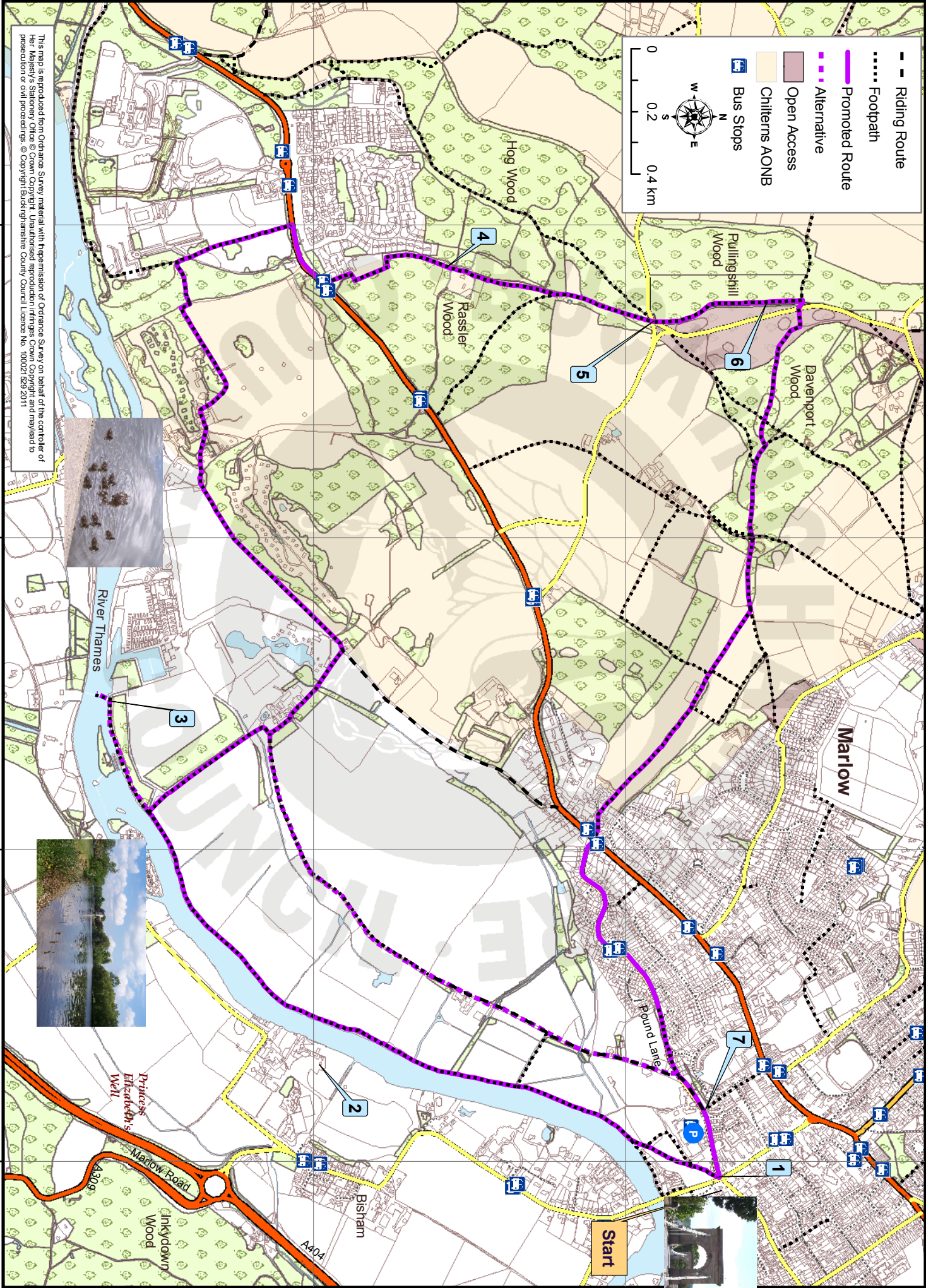
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Marlow Circular Route



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