

## Route description



The Meades Water Gardens in Red Lion Street have recently been restored as part of the Chilterns Chalk Stream project.

The River Chess is now flowing through the gardens with more vigour and can be viewed from the accessible footpaths.

The route is a good area to observe wildlife such as herons and kingfishers which can be seen along the stream. Ducks and grebes may also be seen along this section of the Chess and there is a profusion of wildflowers in season. Chalk streams are a good habitat for brown trout, one of the key species listed in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

Start from the Water Meadow Car Park and follow the River Chess via Water Lane to Germain Street. Turn left to cross Town Bridge and then turn right into Duck Alley. This is a narrow path, but wide enough for wheelchairs. Follow the Chess

until you reach the Water Gardens by Red Lion Street. Here a path, surfaced with course sand, leads through the gardens.



Two foot bridges allow access to the Meades Lane side of the river. One of the bridges has a short steep ramp onto the bridge. The path continues beside the river. At the remains of Amy Mill the path gets narrower until reaching a boardwalk before the roundabout at the bottom of the hill from Amersham. The riverside walk continues along Moor Road until Chesham Moor is reached. Much of this walk is also reasonably accessible.

Retrace the route to the historic town bridge where an alternative route can be taken through Chesham Old Town. At the traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing pass the Red Lion and cross into the Market Square. Follow the left side of the Square and then turn left into Church Street crossing St. Mary's Way (by the pedestrian crossing to the left) to continue up Church Street, with Lowndes Park and St. Mary's Church providing interesting detours on the right.

The Queen's Head is reached on the left at the top of Church Street. The Queen's Head is a traditional pub, which was first licensed in 1746. It serves food in the bar and has a restaurant upstairs. There is a wheelchair accessible toilet in the building. Water Meadow Car Park can be reached by turning left into Wey Lane and left again into Water Lane.

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