

ABOUT THE INNER CIRCUIT

This walk has been created on behalf of Thame Green Living to encourage walking around the town as recommended in the Thame Green Living Plan adopted by Thame Town Council to promote a cleaner, greener, healthier Thame.

There are many alternatives to the particular route detailed here and the choice of any preferred route is down to the individual. The route is described in a clockwise direction but could, of course, be done in the opposite direction.

There is no specific starting point but this guide starts at St. Mary's Church.

PART 1: START AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

1 At the rear of the church in Priest End turn right to follow a path between the churchyard and a wall on the left. Follow this past the cricket ground on the right and houses on the left to reach the Aylesbury Road. Cross the road safely using the pelican crossing. Turn left and at the end of a long wall turn right onto a path alongside house number 44. Continue on the paved path passing above a road on the right (Brookside).

2 Bear left after the railings and cross Roundhead Drive. Continue ahead, passing a play area on the right. Follow the path as it winds through the play areas (do not bear left towards the road), continuing down towards a barrier. Leave the park here to enter a cul-de-sac (Harrison Place). Walk to the end and turn left into the next road (Roundhead Drive) to reach a T-junction and a post box. Turn right here (Cromwell Avenue) for only a few yards before turning left to cross the road and join a path between house numbers 33 and 35.

3 At a T-junction turn right into Berkeley Road to go past Cavalier Road and turn left onto a path alongside house number "Four". Bear left past a grass square, across the top of a road until you reach a T-junction in the path and turn left. Bear immediately right past a grass square signposted 'Cavalier Road', continuing straight along this path, crossing over another road and past another grass square signed Hamilton Road. A little further on reach a humped green. Take the path along the left edge of this green, bearing right to follow the footpath at a Sedgemoor Drive sign.

4 Go straight ahead at a crossing of paths to reach Cromwell Avenue again. Cross the road and take the path diagonally right across a green to reach a path alongside house number 34. Keep straight ahead to eventually pass a green and play area on the right and arrive at Kingsey Road. Turn right along the pavement to pass Burnards Court and Churchill Crescent. When the tarmac pavement comes to an end, cross the road to go through an obvious path for a few yards, cross a road (Seven Acres) and take another short path almost directly opposite to arrive at Queens Road.

5 Cross the road to enter Towersey Road. Go past the school and Towersey Drive and soon arrive at a footpath on the right by a red dog litter bin.

At this point the walk splits in two

Route 1 is suitable for light and dry conditions, not ideal if it is a dark night or during wet weather.

Route 2 provides an alternative to the paths along the Phoenix Trail or through Cuttlebrook Nature Reserve.

LOCAL INFORMATION

The historic market town of Thame is a great place to shop and enjoy good food and drink in one of the many pubs, cafes and restaurants.

i For information about events, places to eat, accommodation and attractions visit **Thame Information Centre** in the Town Hall. Open Mon-Fri. Call 01844 212833. www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk



MARKETS

- **Weekly Market.** Every Tuesday, 8.30am-3pm
- **Local Produce Market.** Second Tuesday of each month, 8.30am - 1.30pm
- **Cattle Market** every Wednesday and Friday

Thame walking guides:

Historic Town Trail 1	Local Walking Guide
Historic Town Trail 2	Thame Outer Circuit
Historic Town Trail 3	Thame Inner Circuit
Midsomer Murders Trail	Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve
Commemorative Plaques Trail	Public Art Trails

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Walking Routes

THAME INNER CIRCUIT



A 4 mile walking route, making use of existing paths, pavements, tracks and trails within Thame.

PART 2: ROUTE 1

6 Follow this path and take the 3rd path on the left, following it onto Welply Way. Turn right to walk along this road and then take the footpath to join the Phoenix Trail. Turn right onto the Phoenix Trail and follow it for a considerable distance, passing under a bridge, alongside the derelict station platform, under a further bridge, over Windmill Road and Moreton Lane. Continue on the Phoenix Trail for about 1/4 mile, ignoring side paths, until reaching the bridge that passes over Cuttle Brook.

7 Turn right down the steps after the end of the bridge to follow a clear track straight ahead (which can be muddy!). At a fork in the track, bear right with the Cuttle Brook on the right to reach a large wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and go straight ahead to immediately cross a smaller bridge and continue ahead with the brook now on the left. At a fork bear left and continue to a crossing of paths alongside a wooden litter bin. Turn left here and very soon reach a T-junction.

8 Turn left over the bridge and go up a very gentle rise to reach a crossing of paths. Turn right here to follow a track, with a fence on the left and a hedge on the right. The track soon leads to a busy road (Oxford Road). For safety reasons, cross the road here whilst able to see traffic from both directions. Turn right on the opposite pavement. When the main road turns sharply right go straight ahead into Priest End.



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PART 2: ROUTE 2

6 Follow this path and take the second path on the left to find a road (Pickenfield). Bear left to follow Pickenfield to a major road. Turn right on the footpath and keep walking until you reach a roundabout, cross and continue around the Eastern Bypass. Cross onto the left hand side of the road to use the walking/cycling path and follow this straight, ignoring footpaths and roads until the path turns round a bend. Keep walking and you will find a turning to the right to bring you to this main road. For a longer route see point 6a on the map.

7 Cross the road into Robin Gibb Road, following it round to the right. Follow the road round as it bends to the left, then immediately follow the footpath as it forks off to the right between a house and a large hedge. Turn right in front of other houses and keep walking until the footpath splits where you need to bear right. Walk to the end of the footpath to a road (John Fulkes Avenue). Cross this road, then the road directly in front of you. Almost opposite, join Youens Drive. Walk through this estate, keeping left until you come to a gap between houses 62 and 68. Turn left onto the Phoenix Trail and walk uphill until it connects with Van Diemens Road. Leave the Phoenix Trail here and walk left along the road until you reach a T-junction where you can turn left into Hampden Avenue.

8 Walk to the end of the road and turn right into Windmill Road. At the end turn left to connect to Southern Road. Cross this road to stay on the pavement and continue straight. Cross over a roundabout to walk alongside Southern Road Recreation Ground. Turn left when you come to Mitchell Close. Walk to the end of this road to pick up Brook Lane. Turn right and this brings you past the Six Bells to the High Street. Cross over the road here and walk down Church Road to the churchyard.

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THAME INNER CIRCUIT MAP

Many paths are close to houses, so please respect the privacy of the occupants. Walkers are asked to leave things as they find them, to take litter home, and to clean up after their dogs. The Circuit crosses both major and minor roads so please cross these with great care and use pelican crossings where available.

MAP KEY

- Part 1
- Part 2: Route 1
- Part 2: Route 2

- P **Public car parks.** Please check the parking signs for restrictions
- 🚲 **Bike racks.** There are several places within the town to park and secure your bike.
- 🚏 **Bus stops**
- 🚻 **Public toilets**
- i **Thame Information Centre**

6a A LONGER, OFF ROAD BLUE ROUTE

Between blue points 6 & 7, you can divert left from **Wenman Road** down **Warren Mead**, turning left again into **Hode Garth**. Follow this road round to the right, and at the bottom corner you will pick up a stony footpath that runs along the bottom edge of a field. Follow this path round this field, crossing into another field. Take either of the two turnings to the right to walk back towards the estate coming out onto **Esingdon Drive**. Turn immediately left onto the footpath which will take you round the left of the estate to a left hand turn. Pick up blue point 7 on the instructions from here.

This route is not suitable to walk in the dark.

