

National Cycle Network (NCN)

NCN routes form a network of cycle routes across the country. Some of the suggested routes on this map link into these national routes. NCN4 (Route 2) follows the Kennet and Avon Canal linking Reading to Bath and Bristol via Newbury. NCN5 (Route 1) links Reading to Oxford via Wallingford and Abingdon

Other Contacts:

Reading Borough Council (Route 1):
www.reading.gov.uk or 0118 9373737

Oxfordshire County Council (Route 1):
www.Oxfordshire.gov.uk

West Berkshire Council (Routes 2&3):
www.westberks.gov.uk or 01635 42400



Three Practical Bike Routes from Pangbourne & Whitchurch

Pangbourne and Whitchurch are known for their beautiful surroundings and have many bike-friendly quiet lanes and off-road trails, but you may not be aware of these four routes that can provide practical alternatives to driving:

Route 1: Access to Caversham and Reading via Whitchurch and Mapledurham (6 miles)

Route 2: Access to Calcot Sainsbury's and Theale via Nunhide Lane (3.9 miles)

Route 3: Access to Bradfield College and surrounding villages (5.6 miles)

The recommended routes are not all traffic free and in many cases are also used by pedestrians and equestrians. Care should be taken on such routes. The Highway Code and the usual road safety should be observed.

This map was developed by the Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability group (PAWS). More information can be found at:

www.pawsg.com

Please send any comment or questions on the routes to cycle@pawsg.com

Cycle Routes from Pangbourne & Whitchurch



Route 3

Access to Bradfield College and surrounding villages

Distance: 5.6 miles
Grade: Mostly flat, but steep inclines and declines in parts
Duration: Approx 45 minutes
Relevant Map: OS Landranger 175 Reading & Windsor
Terrain: Quiet Lanes

- Starting at the central Pangbourne roundabout at the George Hotel, follow the Reading Road towards the George Hotel, follow the Reading Road towards Reading for 0.5 miles and turn right onto Sulham Lane.
- Follow Sulham Lane to the end for just over 1 mile, taking care to be aware of on-coming traffic, as it is a narrow lane in parts.
- Turn care at the intersection with Sulham Hill Road, turn right and continue 0.75 miles to the intersection in Trimmarsh Village by the Greyhound pub.
- Take care crossing over the A340 turning immediately left onto Trimmarsh lane. Follow just over 1 mile up the hill to the first intersection.
- Turn left onto Dark Lane for approx 1.5 miles to the next intersection at Ashampstead Road. Turn left and go 0.5 miles to Bradfield College and Sports Complex, or cross over Ashampstead Road to Back Lane to travel onwards to other villages such as Stanford Dingley, Bucklebury, and Fritsham.

Route 2

Access to Calcot Sainsbury's and Theale via Nunhide Lane

Distance: 3.9 miles
Grade: Flat
Duration: 45 minutes
Relevant Map: OS Landranger 175 Reading & Windsor
Terrain: quiet lane and paved bridleway

- Starting at the central Pangbourne roundabout at the George Hotel, follow the Reading Road towards Reading for 0.5 miles and turn right onto Sulham Lane.
- Follow Sulham Lane to the end for just over 1 mile, taking care to be aware of on-coming traffic, as it is a narrow lane in parts.
- At the intersection with Sulham Hill Road, turn left, and be ready to cross the road to Nunhide Lane in 100 yards by Sulham Church. **Caution:** Nunhide Lane is by a blind turn, so consider walking your bike across the road being aware of on-coming traffic.
- Follow Nunhide Lane, paved bridle path for two further miles until you reach the Calcot shopping centre, where there are various facilities (including a bowling alley).
- If you would like to travel on to Theale Village, NCN4 (to Newbury or Reading), the Kennet and Avon Canal, or to Theale Station, please cross the motorway to using the footbridge immediately on your right as it is leave Nunhide Lane. You should walk your bike as it is designed for pedestrians and not cycling.

Route 1

Pangbourne to Caversham and Reading via Whitchurch





Distance: 6.0 miles
Grade: Mostly Flat
Duration: Approx 1 hour and 15 minutes
Relevant: OS Landranger 175 Reading & Windsor
Terrain: Combination of Quiet Lanes and Bridleways. Parts are muddy in poor conditions.

- Starting at the central Pangbourne roundabout at the George Hotel, follow the road under the train bridge to Whitchurch over the Thames toll bridge.
- Turn right onto Eastfield Lane by The Greyhound pub. At the end of the lane turn left just before the school onto short path connecting to Hardwick Road.
- Turn right onto Hardwick Road past the Alpaca farm, going through gates and passing Hardwick Stud after 0.75 miles.
- Continue through Hardwick Estate for approx 1.5 miles to Mapledurham Hamlet. The paved road changes to gravel and then to bridleway after passing the east gate. **Caution:** This stretch of bridle path is poor to mud puddles in parts when conditions are poor.
- At the end of the bridle path turn right on the road towards Mapledurham Hamlet and then immediately left onto signposted concrete track. Continue for approx 1.5 miles following the river until it turns into a paved road called The Warren.
- Follow the road for another mile to St Peters Church at Caversham. Caversham Bridge and central Reading are readily accessible from here by turning right down the hill, carefully joining the busy main road.
- If you turn left, you can join NCN5 to Wallingford and Oxford.

Bike Routes from Pangbourne and Whitchurch and Whitchurch

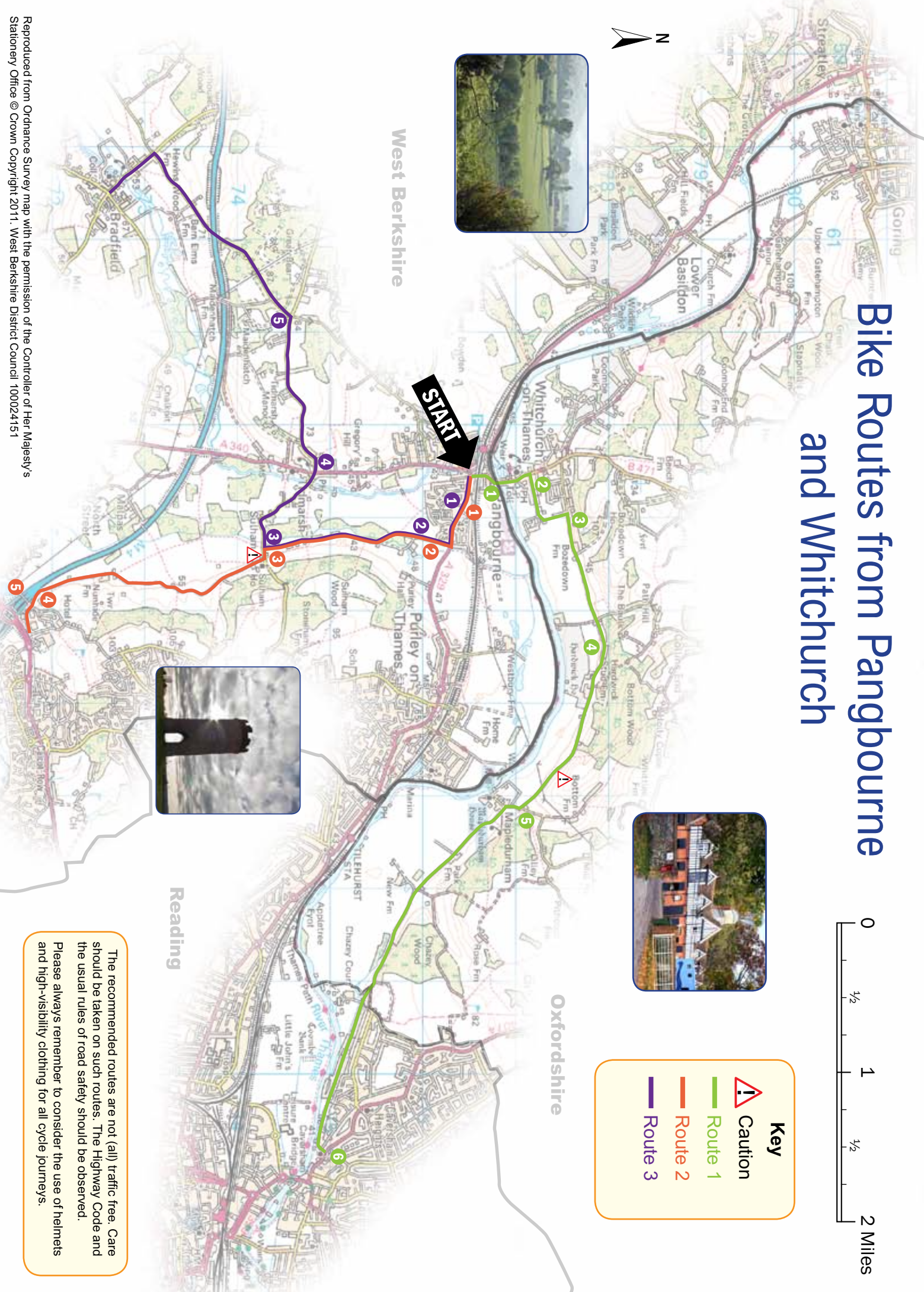


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-  Caution
-  Route 1
-  Route 2
-  Route 3



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