



Reading
Walking Routes



Walking Safely

The Highway Code - applies to pedestrians as well as to cyclists or motorists. Below you will find some of the points illustrated in the Code:

Walking

- **Use pavements** if provided (including any path along the side of a road)
- If there is **no pavement**, keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see the coming traffic
- **Help other road users see you** by wearing something light-coloured
- **Walking with young children**, keep between them and the traffic and hold their hands firmly
- **Large groups of people walking together** - use a pavement if available; If none keep to the left and have look-outs at the front and back of the group
- **Motorways**. You MUST NOT be on motorways or slip roads except in an emergency

Crossing the Road

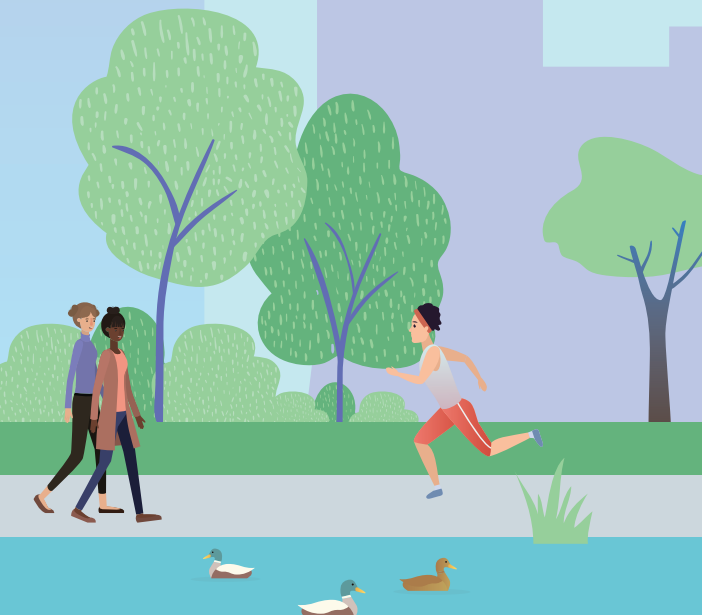
- Use a **safe crossing** where possible
- Cross the roads following the **Green Cross Code**
- **At a junction** - look out for traffic turning into the road, especially from behind you
- **Barriers** - cross the road only at the gaps provided for pedestrians
- **Tactile paving** - raised surfaces felt underfoot provide warning and guidance to blind or partially sighted people
- **Bus and cycle lane** - take care in these lanes as traffic may be moving faster than in the other lanes, or against the flow of traffic



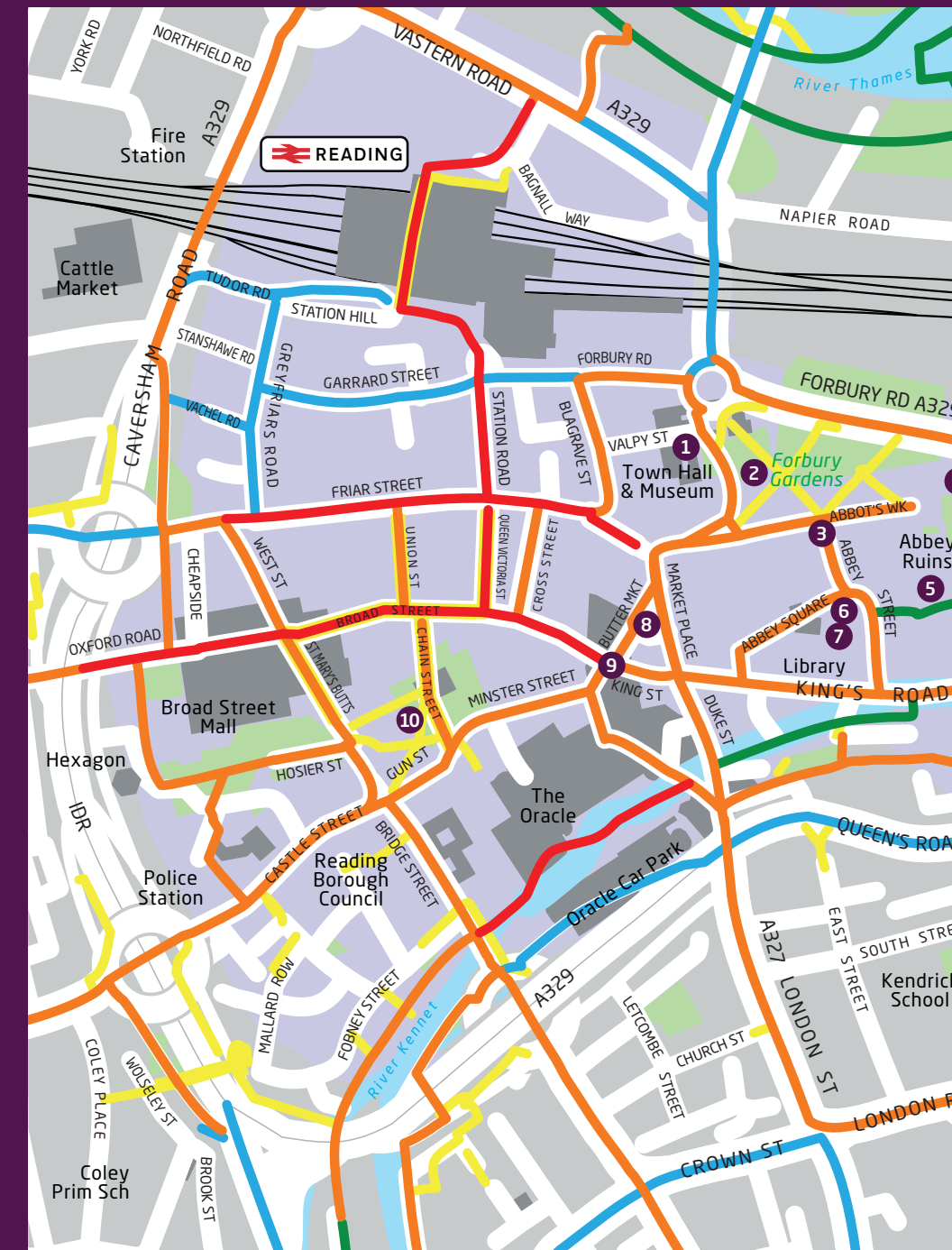
Helping the Environment

Walking instead of using the car has many benefits for us and our environment, these include:

- **Reduces air pollution** - which causes damage to our health and surroundings - both buildings and nature
- **Slowing climate change** - car emissions are one of the predominant causes of greenhouse gases, warming the atmosphere and destroying our planet
- **Less noise pollution** - noise produced by traffic causes damage to our health and affects local wildlife
- **Reduces congestion on roads** - with less congestion on the road, when we do need to use our cars our journey will be faster and easier
- **Strengthens the neighbourhood and local centres** - as more people choose to walk and use their local shops, cafés and services rather than driving to ones further away
- **Creates demand for more green and traffic free spaces** - more people walking encourages more people to walk and dedication of more space to do this



Walking Routes in Central Reading



Legend

- **Prestige Walking Routes (Red)**
- **Primary Walking Routes (Orange)**
- **Secondary Walking Routes (Blue)**
- **Link Footways (Yellow)**
- **Public Rights of Way (Green)**
- Railway Station**
- 1 - 10** **Places of interest**

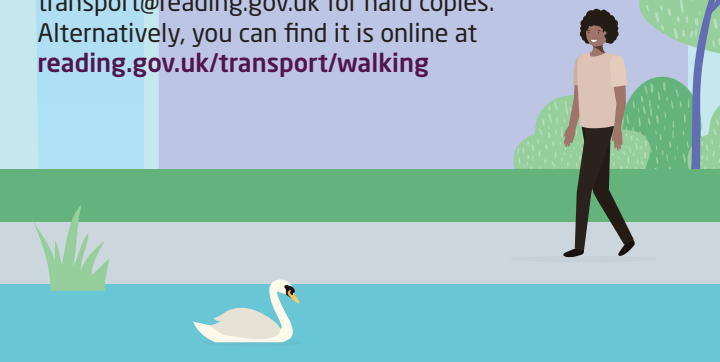
Walking in Central Reading

Walking regularly is simple and free and one of the easiest ways to get more active. Walking in Reading's Town Centre reveals rich history and architecture. Places to walk and visit in the centre:

- 1 **Reading Town Hall and Reading Museum** - Blagrove Street
- 2 **Forbury Gardens** - The Forbury - Reading town centre's Victorian green space with the famous Maiwand Lion statue
- 3 **Abbey Gateway** - Abbott's Walk - originally the inner gateway of Reading Abbey
- 4 **Reading Gaol** - Forbury Road - built in 1842 operated until 2014 and famous by Oscar Wild imprisonment
- 5 **Reading Abbey Ruins** - Abbey Street - ruins of 900 years of history of Reading's royal abbey and burial place of King Henry I
- 6 **The Blade** - Abbey Street - Reading's most iconic modern building
- 7 **Mill Arch** - Abbey Street - walls of the former Abbey mill (1100)
- 8 **Simeon Monument** - Market Place - built in 1804
- 9 **The George Hotel** - King Street - hotel and former coaching inn since 1500
- 10 **Reading Minster** - Chain Street - Church from late 11th Century

More information on the Abbey Quarter and Reading Town Hall readingabbeyquarter.org.uk

Reading Borough Council is happy to provide copies of this walking map. Please call 0118 937 3787 or email transport@reading.gov.uk for hard copies. Alternatively, you can find it is online at reading.gov.uk/transport/walking



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Walking Does Wonders for Your Health

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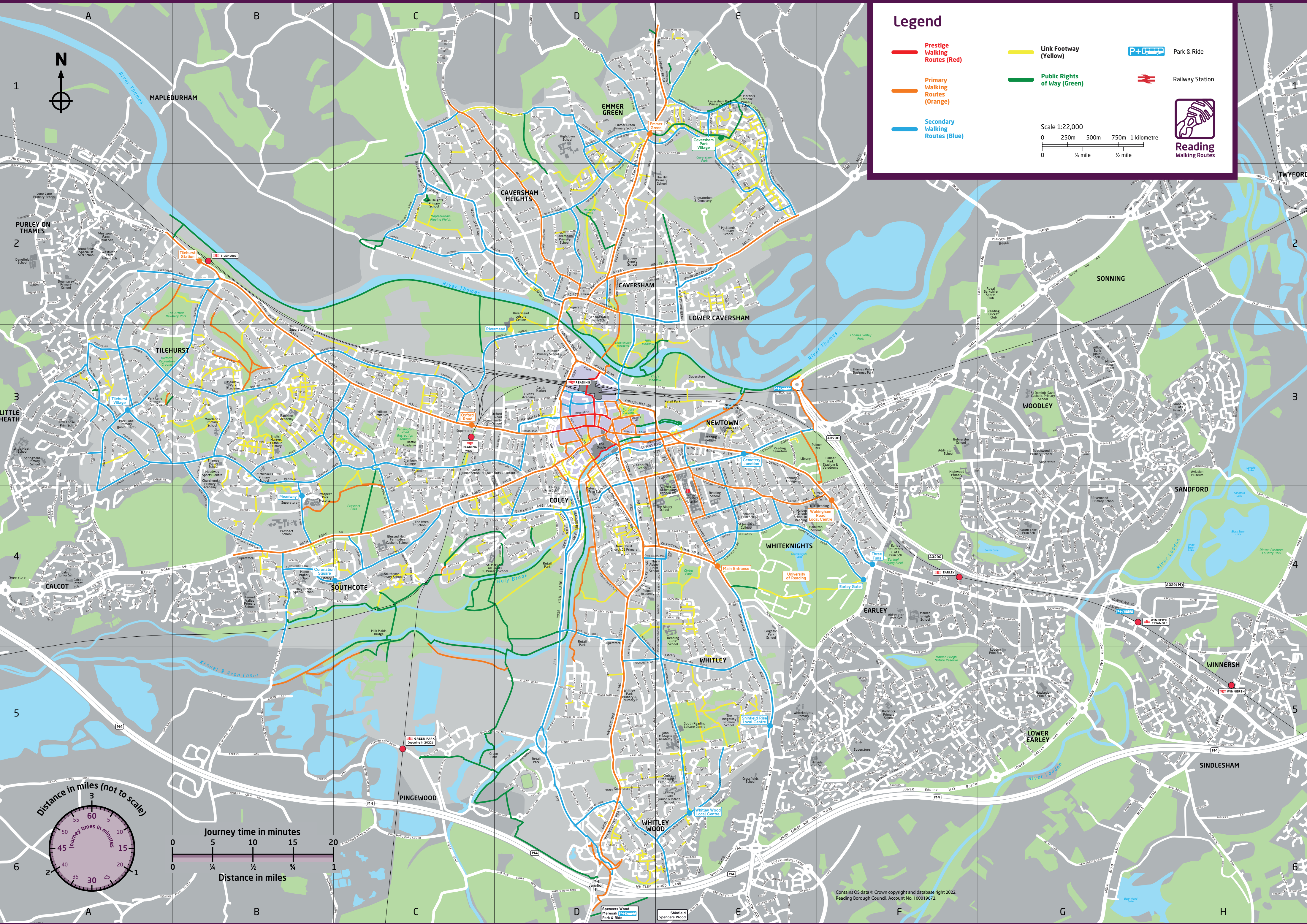
Our Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) is a sub-strategy to the Reading Transport Strategy 2036. This is a wide-ranging plan, covering all aspects of the management, maintenance and improvement of the Public Rights of Way network to meet the current and future needs of the public. The ROWIP can be found here: reading.gov.uk/rowip



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- Secondary Walking Routes (Blue)
- Link Footway (Yellow)
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- Park & Ride
- Railway Station

Scale 1:22,000
0 250m 500m 750m 1 kilometre
0 ¼ mile ½ mile

