



## Leisure Rides in Reading Learning to Ride

**P1** Palmer Park - East Reading's largest park provides a safe environment for children to learn to ride or for children who have already learned to love their bikes. The park's cycle paths form a one mile circuit around the Stadium with only the gentlest of hills to negotiate. The Stadium, with its cycle track, is home to Reading's cycle sport community.



**P2** Prospect Park - West Reading's major open space is crossed by the R50 route to town and other cycle paths and provides a safe, off-road environment for cycling beginners as well as for picnics and play.

## Kennet Valley Rides

**L1** From the Oracle take NCN4 to the eastern Kennet towpath to Rose Kiln Lane and then continue on NCN4 west into Kennet Meadows along the canal. Cross the water at the lock system at Southcote Mill (you should dismount here) and head north picking up the R6 at Circuit Lane and into Prospect Park. The Mansion House provides opportunities for refreshment as well as views over the Kennet Valley. The R50/R5 returns you to central Reading.

Approximate Length: 6 miles

**L2** From the Oracle take R1 south using the western Kennet towpath as far as Rose Kiln Lane. Cross the river and the A33 using the underpass system onto the east cycle path following NCN23/R1. The cycleway takes you beneath the Bennet Road intersection and continues onto Brook Drive and through Green Park. Turn right with NCN23 onto Smallmead Road then leave the route turning right after leaving Green Park. Follow Kirton's Farm Road, turning right onto Berry's Lane before



the entrance to Reading Lake Hotel. Turn off Berry's Lane through the cycle gate onto Pingewood Road North. Once you reach Burghfield Road\* there is a refreshment opportunity at The Cunning Man, otherwise turn left and then right onto Mill Road then turn right at the junction onto NCN4 which joins the Kennet towpath heading east to return to Reading.  
\*Take care crossing Burghfield Road which can be busy.



Approximate Length: 9 miles

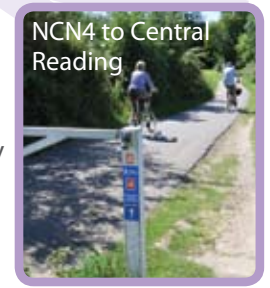
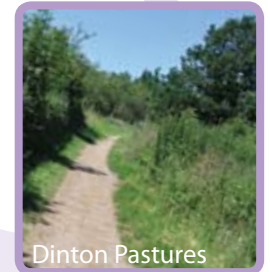
## Dinton Pastures

**L3** From central Reading The R2 route is the most direct route to Dinton Pastures Country Park where there are a number of safe off-road cycleways. From R2 at Winnersh continue alongside the A329 turning left onto Arbor Lane and into Robin Hood Lane (take care on this section) which takes you to Dinton Pastures which has a number of off-road paths.

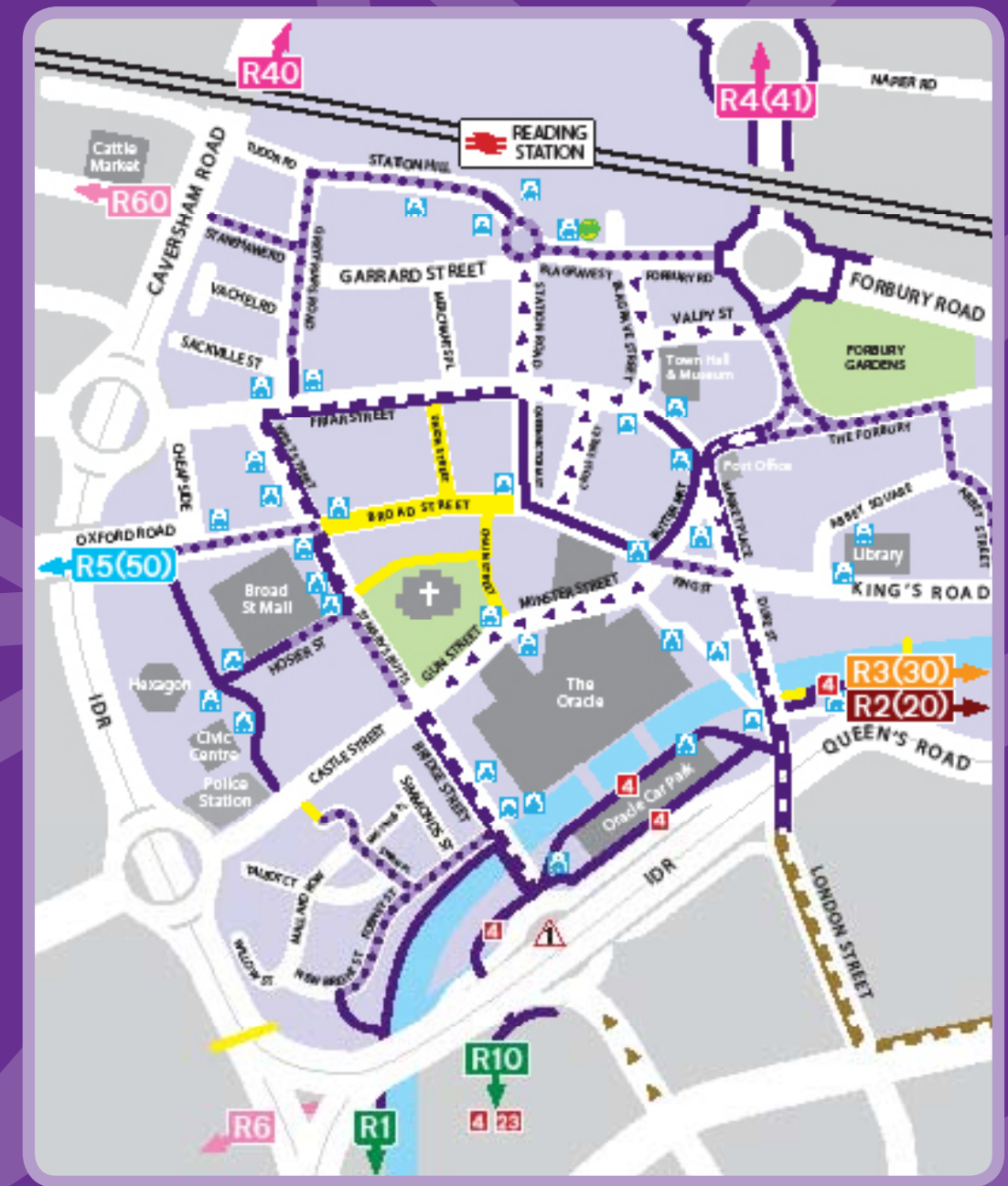
Approximate Length: 4 miles (one direction)

**L4** For an alternative route back to Reading leave Dinton Pastures at the Aviation Museum. Cross to Colemansmoor Road then turn right into Vauxhall Drive. Pick up the cycleway turning right opposite Austin Road. Follow the cycleway to Spitfire Way and Welford Road then turn right onto Lund's Farm Road, left onto Tipping's Lane and right onto Duffield Road. Take care at the junction with Pound Lane for the short distance to the A4 where you can join NCN4 towards Thames Valley Park and the Thames and Kennet towpaths to Central Reading.

Approximate Length: 6 miles



## Cycle Routes in Central Reading



### Legend

**Cycle Facilities Key (for all route colours)**

- Off-road cycle route (tarmac or path)
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- On-road cycle route - one-way street
- On-road cycle way / shared bus lane (one direction)
- On-road cycle way / shared bus lane (both directions)
- Pedestrians only, cyclists dismount
- Reading Cycle Route
- Town Centre Route
- Linking Route
- National Cycle Path
- Busy junction, no cycling facilities, caution advised
- Cycle parking facilities
- Railway Station

## Leisure Rides in Reading



Reading Cycle Routes connect all the town's major public facilities, employment and leisure areas with almost 37 miles of principal routes, of which 17 miles are segregated from general traffic.

In addition, the National Cycle Network crosses Reading providing off-road routes into the surrounding countryside of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire.

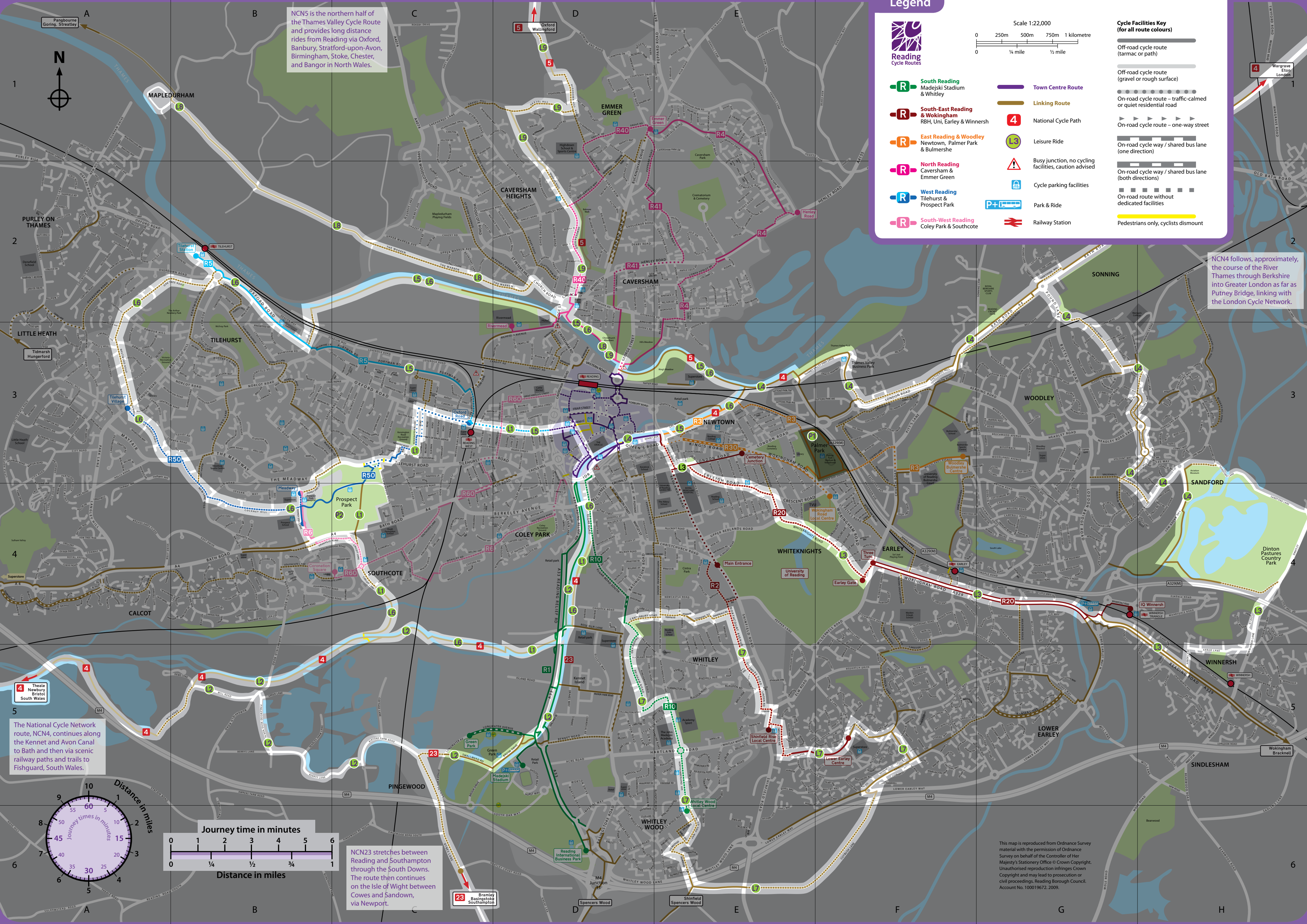
This leaflet identifies a series of leisure rides around the Reading area. The rides are of varying lengths and for varying abilities. You can use them in their entirety, link them together for longer days out or use them as ideas for your own routes.











NCN5 is the northern half of the Thames Valley Cycle Route and provides long distance rides from Reading via Oxford, Banbury, Stratford-upon-Avon, Birmingham, Stoke, Chester, and Bangor in North Wales.

The National Cycle Network route, NCN4, continues along the Kennet and Avon Canal to Bath and then via scenic railway paths and trails to Fishguard, South Wales.

NCN23 stretches between Reading and Southampton through the South Downs. The route then continues on the Isle of Wight between Cowes and Sandown, via Newport.

NCN4 follows, approximately, the course of the River Thames through Berkshire into Greater London as far as Putney Bridge, linking with the London Cycle Network.

**Legend**

**Reading Cycle Routes**

- R** South Reading Madejski Stadium & Whitley
- R** South-East Reading & Wokingham RBH, Uni, Earley & Winnersh
- R** East Reading & Woodley Newtown, Palmer Park & Bulmershe
- R** North Reading Caversham & Emmer Green
- R** West Reading Tilehurst & Prospect Park
- R** South-West Reading Coley Park & Southcote

**Town Centre Route**

**Linking Route**

**4** National Cycle Path

**L3** Leisure Ride

**5** Busy junction, no cycling facilities, caution advised

**P** Cycle parking facilities

**P+** Park & Ride

**R** Railway Station

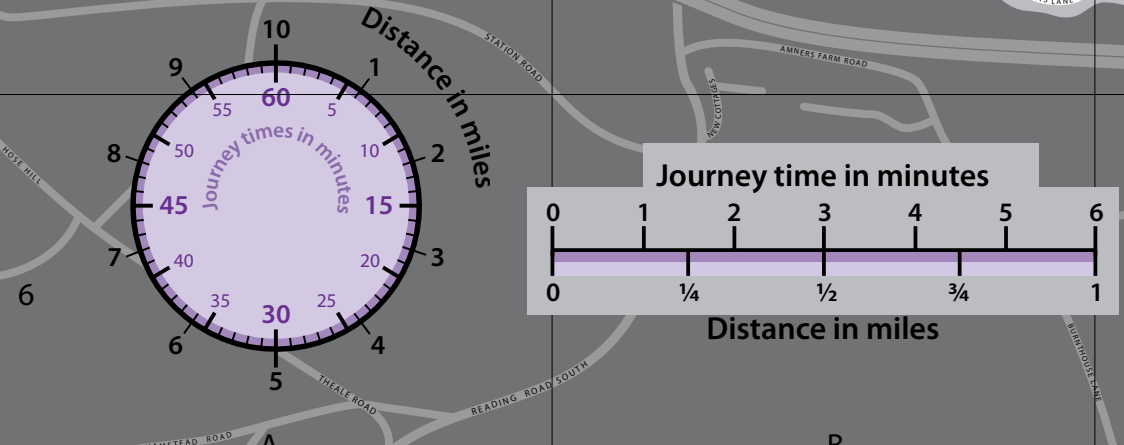
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Scale 1:22,000

0 250m 500m 750m 1 kilometre

0 1/4 mile 1/2 mile



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