

HARPENDEN GREEN LOOP

cycle – sustain – explore – enjoy

walk – discover – run

WALKING THE LOOP

The Harpenden Green Loop is a 15km route around the town, through parks, footpaths and other green spaces. There are several places to join and exit The Loop making it a great way to get around, explore nature and enjoy time outdoors.

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Starting from the entrance to Rothamsted Park, here are walking instructions for the entire Loop, each number is a potential access point.



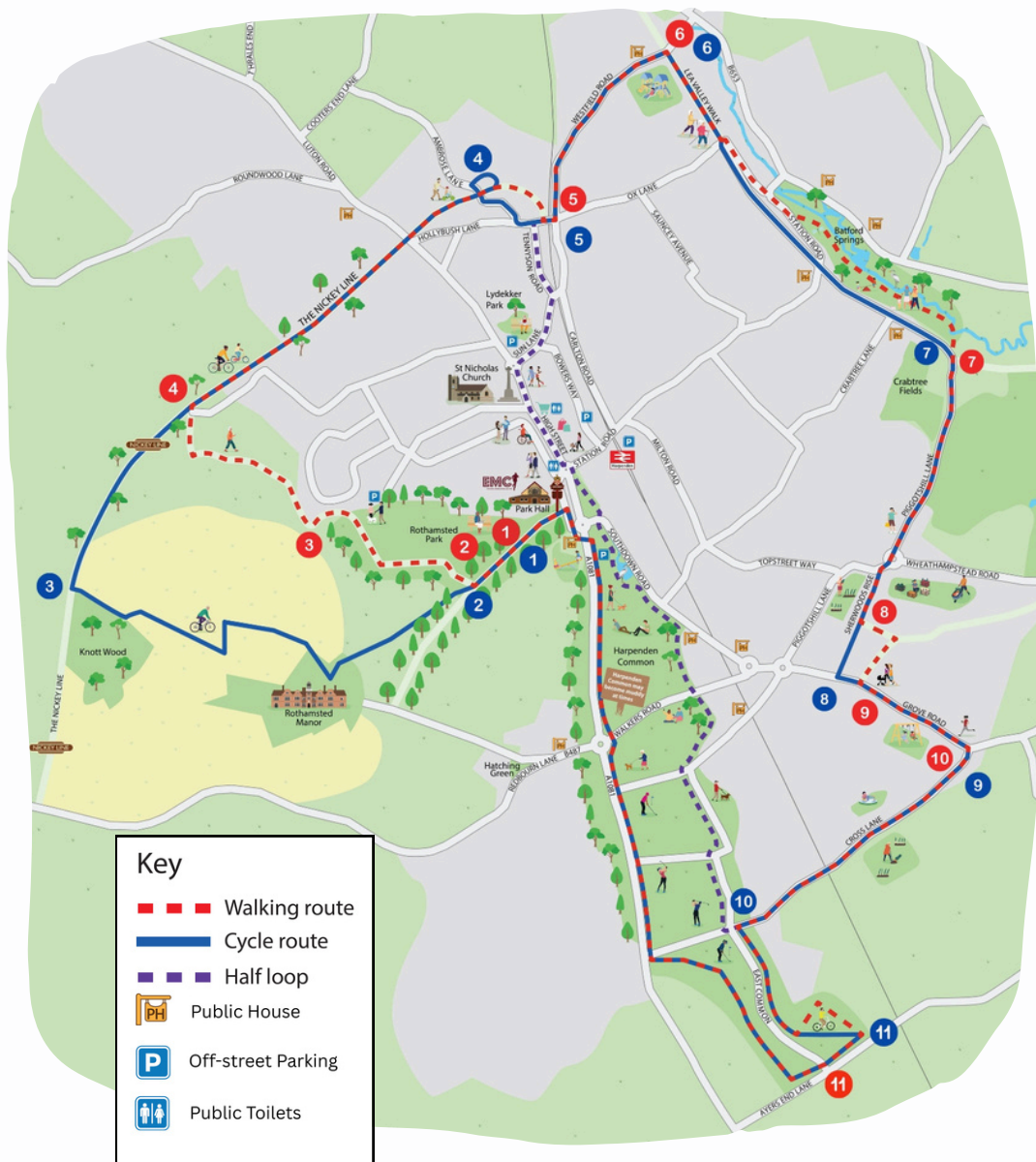
Lime Tree Avenue



Silver Gate



Rothamsted Gate



1. Entering Rothamsted Park, head straight through the lime tree avenue uphill towards the Rothamsted Estate.
2. On reaching the silver gate onto the Rothamsted Estate, turn right before leaving Rothamsted Park, follow the hedge towards the woodland and follow the path through. Continue following the hedgerow line on the left between the Park and Rothamsted Estate, alongside the sports fields, until you reach the wooden gate leaving Rothamsted Park.
3. Following Footpath 13 through Rothamsted Estate farmland, take the path all the way to the end, where it joins the Nickey Line.

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5 Entrance to Lea Valley Line



5 Westfield Recreation Ground

4. Joining the Nickey Line, head right and walk this historic route until it terminates up a set of steps onto Hollybush Lane.

5. From Hollybush Lane, head left and take Westfield Road all the way down to the Lea Valley Line. If taking a break at Westfield Recreation Ground, see if you can spot an elusive slow worm in the long grass.

6. Follow the Lea Valley Line (entrance on the right) then take the steps down* and go under the bridge to Coldharbour Lane, turn right along Coldharbour Lane and after reaching Station Road, cross the road to join Footpath 35 (beside All Saints Church) through to Batford Springs Local Nature Reserve. Batford Springs comprises an 8.5 hectare mosaic of habitats including a rare chalk lined stream (of world-wide biodiversity importance) reed fen, wet woodland, meadows, hedgerows and the River Lea. Upon reaching the ford, at the end of the footpath, go through the wooden gate opposite onto Marquis Meadow and keep to the path. At the end of the path, head left towards the bridge on the Lea Valley Line. *A ramp is located approx 100m further along

7. Turn right up Piggotshill Lane, enjoying the old hedgerows and bird song until you reach the roundabout. Safely cross over the roundabout into Piggotshill Lane and after just a few meters bear left and head down into Sherwood's Rise, keeping to the path on the left.

8. As you exit to woodlands follow Footpath 28 to the left between the Aldwickbury Allotment and Grove Junior School. Once you reach the path junction, turn right down Footpath 33, which will take you to Grove Road.



11 Horse Ride Nr Limbrick Rd

9. Turn left on Grove Road, walking all the way down to Welbeck Rise and Cross Lane. If walking with children, why not take a break here and enjoy the much-loved Oakley Road or Parva Close Play Areas nearby?



9 Oakley Rd Playground

10. Turn right at the roundabout into Welbeck Rise and almost immediately bear left into Cross Lane. Walk all the way up Cross Lane over the railway bridge until you reach the next crossroads, turn left and follow the black and white 'Horse Ride' posts along Harpenden Common or for a more varied walk, the Red Nature Trail.

11. Continue to follow the Horse Ride route which will loop around and take you all the way back to Town past the Golf Club, through woodlands and into pristine meadow before reaching the Baa Lambs Car Park. Cross immediately before the roundabout using the central pedestrian refuge and head towards the fire station. Turn right and finish back at the entrance to Rothamsted Park.