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WALLINGFORD TO DAYS LOCK & DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES

Wallingford Grid Ref SU608892 – start in the Market Square

Days Lock Grid Ref SU567937

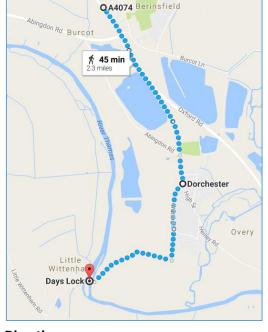
Distance Approx 5.8 miles

Dorchester Abbey Grid Ref SU5794 – an additional mile from Days Lock and a further 1.3 miles to the bus stop. **TOTAL DISTANCE 8.1 miles**



Start in **Wallingford**, a vibrant market town, walk to **Benson** over Benson Lock and its weir system past the licenced café on the path at Benson Marina. Walk to **Shillingford** and pass its historic road bridge crossing. (short distance along a footway) then re-join the Thames through lovely water meadows, where the Thame river meets the Thames, with the back drop of Wittenham Clumps (ancient Roman fort) and Wittenham woods. The old Roman town of **Dorchester-on-Thames** is on your right hand side. Arrive at Days Lock, where the trail crosses over the river. Head back to Dorchester-on-Thames and visit the wonderful Dorchester Abbey, or cross Little Wittenham Bridge and explore The Wittenham Clumps; clumps of beech trees, the oldest known planted hilltop beeches in England, dating back over 300 years.

Stay : <u>The George Hotel, Wallingford</u> or <u>The Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford</u> Eat & Drink: <u>Lily's Farm Shop & Tea Room, Dorchester</u> or <u>Waterfront Café, Benson</u> <u>Fleur De Lys, Dorchester</u>



Directions

RAIL TRAIL

Arrive by rail at Oxford or Reading and take a bus to Wallingford (X39/X40), running every 30 mins. The journey is approx. 40 mins. Return from Dorchester-on-Thames via the same bus from the A4074.

Combine your walk with a boat trip During the Summer you can take the boat from Wallingford with <u>Salters Steamers</u> to Days Lock and walk back.

By Car

Wallingford is on the A4074 between Oxford and Reading and is under 30 minutes from M4/M40/A34. Parking for Dorchester – Bridge End public Car Park.

Thames Path









