

Routes for Ride from High Wycombe, Bucks. to Waddesdon Manor, Bucks.

24 miles (to end point at Waddesdon Manor; return bits are extra).

Go to High Wycombe from Marylebone Station. Chiltern Railways.

[See some photos of this route on CCC Flickr site.](#)

Notes for the section into Waddesdon Village and then the Manor.

Note1: that my route-marking at the start of the section onto the A41 (T), at junction with Waddesdon Hill, is intended to take you over the A41 to ride on the (apparently) cycle-able pavement. Later, I mark a clear cross-over, to indicate an arbitrary point where one might choose to brave the nasty A41 in order to avoid pedestrian space. The road map and the 'hybrid' photo are not in good sync. here, so use common sense.

Note 2: the entry to Waddesdon may be wrong -- follow the highly visible signs IN when you reach the route-marked entry point: I recall that the roads on the map favour the OUT part of the one-way road system. If Silk Road is not signed, ride on the few extra metres to the next road, and find the signs.

Note 3: IF you are going to walk up when it gets hilly, you may wish to walk on the OUT route, which avoids the long way round the back of the house . But being shorter, it is steeper. And don't do this until you have passed the Entry Kiosk, even if you have a NT card.

Note 4: END POINT is the place to park cycles, in the Car Park. You may not ride in the actual house grounds.

RETURN journeys to nearby rail stations.

There are three options, if all railway bits are working. I prefer the third. Or you could go back the way you came, and pick up train at Princes Risboro' or High Wycombe...

1. RETURN via AYLESBURY Rail Station 10.5 miles less traffic, some hilliness

[See plot of the route on GMap pedometer.](#)

This is a route avoiding the worst parts of the A41 (T). If you wish to go the shortest route, which means taking the A41(T) all the way from Waddesdon, you don't need a map. Use this route plan to find your way to the station, from where it return to the the A41 (T) near Quarendon House Farm (OS ref 792 153).

The details in the town are from memory, so look for both CYCLE ROUTES and also pointers to the Railway Station. Look at the map.

2. RETURN via AYLESBURY Rail Station, 6.7 miles, more traffic, least hills. Least pleasant. Frequently unpleasant. [See the plot of this route on GMaps Pedometer.](#)

3. RETURN to HADDENHAM & THAME Rail Station 9.6miles. [See the plot of this route on GMaps Pedometer.](#)

This is a harder route than the Aylesbury ones, but much more pleasant. I had to use this on my recent ride because of railway engineering works, bus alternatives and so on. The train comes in from Birmingham, so is likely always to be busy, but unlikely to be too full to permit you to get on with your bike(s).

The first part of this route simply doubles back on the incoming route, up to the exit point from Eythrope House (OS ref 751 149).

It MAY be possible to walk out by footpaths ending up opposite that exit, but you are not permitted to cycle that way (but might be worth negotiating this with the Manor, beforehand and not on the weekend, when the Office is closed).

When you get into Haddenham, look for pointers to the railway station, which is on the edge of the town. The signs seem occasionally to give up in the last mile: just keep going through about 4 -6 squeeze points, and then just as you approach large cross-road you will be on a bridge over the railway, with cycle and pedestrian access at each end -- take the first, although the second will let you ride back to the london-bound side (east). The OS grid ref is 732 086.

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