



Henley's River and Rowing Museum

TOP 10 AFTERNOON TEA WALKS

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Henley Tea Rooms

Henry James said: "There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."

Christopher Fisher takes note and heads for the Henley Tearooms for a perfect afternoon tea that Henry James would be proud of.



St. Mary's Church, Henley as seen from the tow path

WALKING INFORMATION:

Do this if you are in the mood for a long walk. Have an early tea so you can get back in daylight.

Although it travels alongside the River Thames and tranquil woodlands at different parts of the walk, it also walks along the A4155, so take care.

1. The walk starts at the Plowden Arms in Shiplake. Leave the pub, turning left onto Plough Lane. When you meet Memorial Avenue turn right.
2. Walk to the end of Memorial Avenue where you will reach a junction with the A4155. Take extra care here, turn left onto the road but take the first road leaving to the right, Mill Lane.
3. Follow Mill Lane until you reach a road leaving to the left, Mill Road. Take this. There are two minor roads leaving to the left and one to the right. Ignore these; you should also pass by Lash Brook leaving to your right. There are also a cluster of streets leaving on both sides of the road here. Ignore these. You should also pass by Shiplake railway station to your right.
4. When you reach a junction with Station Road, turn right, where you will cross the railway line. Once you are parallel with a Public House on your left, look out for a road leaving your left, Bolney Road. You should walk all the way to the end of the road where you will meet a footpath.

5. The footpath, The Thames Path will connect to a minor road and then meet a road junction at Mill Lane. Turn right here and walk to the end of the road where you will find the path leaving on your left. The track will again run parallel with The Thames.
6. You will soon pass by the River and Rowing Museum to your right. You will also pass by Henley on Thames railway station. When you reach minor road Boathouse Reach, turn left, turn right onto Hewgate Crt and walk up to the junction with Station Road.
7. Turn right onto Station Road, follow the road ahead to Thameside where you will find the Tearooms on your left.

8. Once you have devoted enough time to your tea, return to Station Road, but this time take the first right, Friday Street. Now walk to the Duke Street junction and turn left, walking straight ahead until you meet Greys Road leaving on your right. Take this.
9. Ignore two roads leaving to your right, Tuns Lane, and Deanfield Avenue, and three streets leaving to your left, Albert Road, Gooddall Close and Church Street. You will also pass by The Henley College on your right and the Roman Catholic Primary School to your left. Ignore the next turning to the left, Greys Hill.
10. Follow Greys Road round until you reach a T junction, where turn right onto Gillots Lane.
11. You will shortly pass by Gillots School and Gillots Hill on your left, before meeting an unnamed road junction. Turn left, but take the first footpath leaving to your right. The track will travel through a golf course, so watch out for the odd stray golf ball!
12. Now go straight ahead at a footpath crossroads and you should arrive on an unnamed road with Upper Bolney House to your left. Turn left, passing by the house on your left and Ash Farm to your right. Further down you will find a footpath leaving to your right. Take this.
13. The track will travel through Shiplake Woods and Lower Hailey Wood before connecting to a until you reach a junction with Plough Lane. You will also be opposite The White Hart pub. Turn left, follow the road round avoiding Memorial Avenue on your left. Instead pass by Shiplake Church of England School on your left and an unnamed dead-end road to your right. You will shortly return to the Plowden Arms pub on your right. Don't forget to pop in for a drink in historical surroundings.