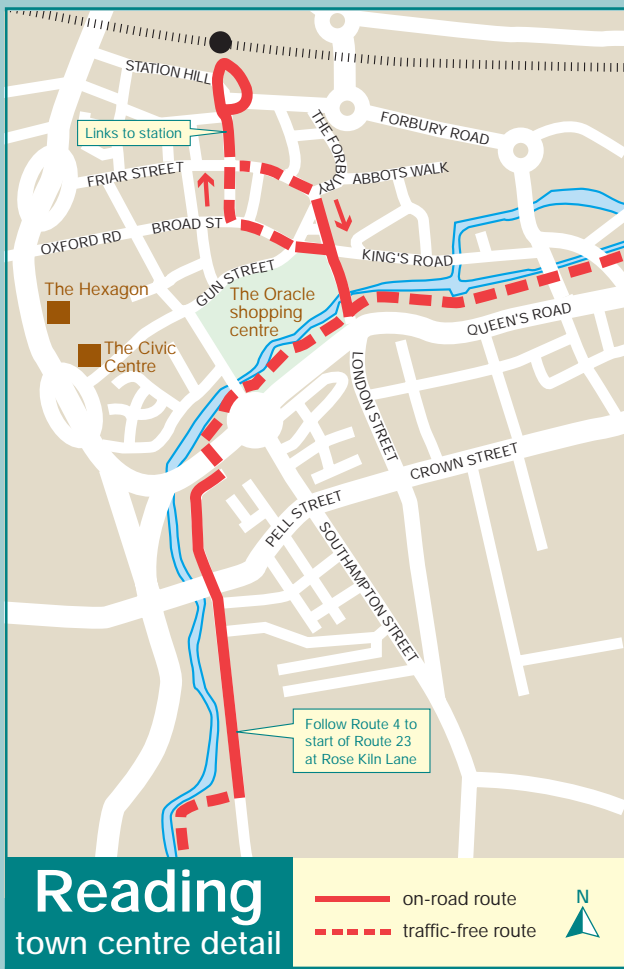




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- Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Millennium Commission
- Prudential Plc
- Reading Borough Council
- Sustrans
- West Berkshire Council
- Wokingham District Council

Reading to Basingstoke



A 22 mile
cycle route
from the
Thames
Valley into
Hampshire

Route 23 From the Thames Valley to the South Coast
Reading stands at the hub of the NCN in the Thames Valley, with direct links via Routes 4 and 5 to London Oxford and Bristol. This section of Route 23 provides the first link from the Thames Valley into Hampshire and by 2005 this will be extended beyond Basingstoke to Alton, Winchester and Southampton.

Sustrans - the sustainable transport charity - works on practical projects to encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport in order to reduce motor traffic and its adverse effects. 5,000 miles of our flagship project, the National Cycle Network, were officially opened in June 2000, we will increase this to 10,000 miles by 2005.

The **National Cycle Network** is a comprehensive network of safe and attractive routes to cycle throughout the UK. 10,000 miles are due for completion by 2005, one third of which will be on traffic-free paths, the rest will follow quiet lanes or traffic-calmed roads. It is delivered through the policies and programmes of over 450 local authorities and other partners, and is co-ordinated by the charity Sustrans.

www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk

For more information on routes in your area, contact:
Sustrans 0845 113 0065
or visit the interactive mapping on our web site.

Roman Silchester

Reading to Basingstoke



Green Park, Reading

Points of interest

Calleva Atrebatum - Roman Silchester, Well preserved Roman settlement managed by Hampshire County Council and English Heritage. Abandoned after the withdrawal of the Romans, the entire circuit of the town wall survives and is one of the best examples of its kind. Wall circuit and amphitheatre accessible all year.

Basing House - Old Basing Earthworks and ruins of country house destroyed in Civil War. Open April to September.

Stratfield Saye House - ancestral home of the Duke of Wellington. House and gardens open to the public in July.

Wellington Country Park - 350 acres of wooded parkland with many outdoor activities suitable for children. Just off the Route and equally accessible from both Reading and Basingstoke. Open March to October.

Green Park - Campus style business park on southern edge of Reading. The cycle route passes through Green Park by agreement with the owners, Prudential plc.

More Information

Detailed cycle route maps for Reading are available from Reading Borough Council (0118 956 6226) and for Basingstoke from the Basingstoke Council Offices (01256 844844) or from Tourist Information Centres.

More information about cycling in Hampshire can be obtained from the Hampshire County Council web site www.hants.gov.uk/cycling



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