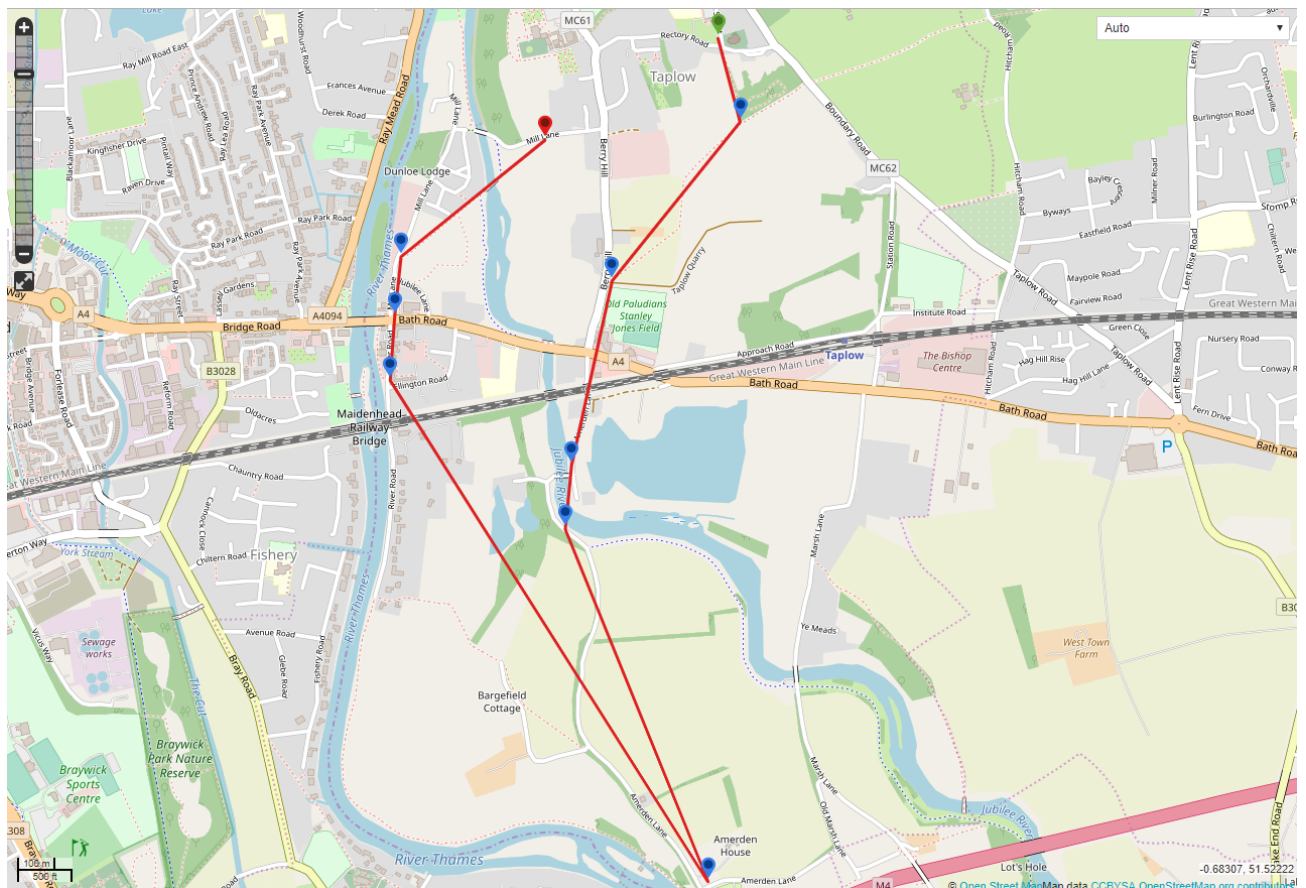


5. Taplow Jubilee River

4.6 miles

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Mainly a waterside walk visiting both the Jubilee River and the Thames, this route is perfect if you enjoy watching the antics of both birds and humans on the water. It starts in pretty Taplow with its traditional village pub and has some good views across the Thames Valley.



From the car park, walk down the left-hand side of the village green to return to the road at the junction with High Street. Cross the road and continue in the same direction on a signed path to the left of St Nicholas House and the right of a phone box to a T-junction with a signed cross-path.

Turn right to walk with a fence on the left. At the end of the field go through a metal kissing-gate and press on along a hedged path to a second kissing-gate. Through this gate bear diagonally right across a field on a clear path to a road.

Turn left, using the footway on the left-hand side, to a main road, the A4. Cross the road and continue in the same direction, signed 'Jubilee River Way', under a railway bridge as far as a bridge on the right.

Turn right across the Jubilee River. At the far side of the bridge turn left to walk with the river on your left for about 250 yards. Jubilee River is a flood alleviation scheme designed to reduce the risk of flooding in Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton. It is seven miles long, took five years to build and was officially opened in 2002. The

surrounding meadows and wetlands are the home of many species of wildlife and large flocks of birds spend the winter here.

Bear right away from the river along a track. Continue ahead on a signed bridleway as a track joins from the right. As the track turns left at Amerden Lodge, turn right to the River Thames then right along the bank, soon reaching Bray Lock. Carry on beside the river, eventually passing beneath the railway again.

As you approach Maidenhead Bridge, immediately after Ellington Road on the right, bear left to stay on the path beside the river. This leads under Maidenhead Bridge to a lane. Turn left along the lane for about 200 yards.

Bear right off the lane along a signed, surfaced path. Follow the path back across the Jubilee River and ahead to a lane. When the water level in the Thames is high, gates near here can be opened to divert water into the channel and protect Maidenhead from flooding.

Turn right. Turn left at a T-junction and then take the second right, Rectory Road, back to the village green and the car park on the left.