

## **Route 1**

## Ashford – Staines-upon-Thames





Distance: 10 miles



START/FINISH: St. Hilda's Church, TW15 3QL

- From *St. Hilda's Church*: Turn right out of the car park and go to the mini roundabout where you take the first exit (**Stanwell Road**) to go over the railway bridge.
- At the T-junction turn left and immediately left into **Station Crescent**. Continue along this road for 400m before taking the sixth turning on the right (**Avondale Road**). Continue until you reach the **A30** (**London Road**).
- 3 Dismount and cross the road with care (a crossing point is just to your right) onto the cycle way opposite.
- Turn left on the cycle way and continue (passing several entrances with care) for 1.5km to turn first right into **Stanwell New Road** (**Ashford Heating** on the corner).
- 5 Continue ahead, initially on road and then shared cycle way, until the path crosses to the opposite side. Cross with care and continue for a further 2km between the reservoirs. After the traffic lights turn left into Horton Road.
- Follow Horton Road for 1.5km, bearing right on the bend at *The Anchor PH* and passing *The Mill* on your right to arrive at the T-junction with **Leylands Lane** on your left. (If you come to the roundabout you have gone too far!)
- Turn left and immediately right to join the unmade bridleway. Follow this for 2km to the gates. Go ahead to **Moor Lane** and go straight on over the railway bridge. Continue for a further 1.5km to reach **Wraysbury Road**.
- Turn right and follow the cycle lane on the road until just before the church/graveyard on the left. Dismount and cross the footpath into **Vicarage Road**. Continue ahead passing **The Bells PH** on your left. Immediately after **Island Close** turn left to join the towpath alongside the Thames.
- Pollow the towpath to pass under **Staines Bridge**, over the timber bridge crossing the **River Colne** and into **Memorial Gardens** with the **Old Town Hall** to your left. Follow the Thames until you reach the **Thames Lodge Hotel** (at the end of **Memorial Gardens**).
- At the hotel turn left to the road. Turn right across the front of the hotel to go under the railway bridge to join the towpath. Follow the **towpath** for 1.25km until reaching the first barrier. Turn left on the unmade track to reach tarmac (signposted PH). Ignore the road on the right into the private estate.
- Continue ahead for 800m on **Wheatsheaf Lane**, ignoring all turnings, to pass the **Staines Town FC** ground on your right and reach the T-junction with **Laleham Road**.
- 12 Turn right and continue on road until the mini-roundabout at The Anglers Retreat PH.
- Turn left into **Worple Road** and after 500m turn right into **Pavilion Gardens** (later **Berryscroft Road**). At the primary school on your right, turn left into **Thickthorne Lane** (becoming **Arnold Road**). Turn left and arrive at the T-junction with **Elizabeth Avenue**.
- Turn left and immediately right and follow **Edinburgh Drive**, (passing the parade of shops on your right) to join **Kingston Road** at the mini-roundabout.
- Turn right over the small road bridge and turn left at the traffic lights into **Woodthorpe Road**. Continue ahead, going under the bypass bridge and passing **Bronzefield Prison** entrance on your left and the **Salvation Army** building on your right to arrive back at **St. Hilda's Church**.



