

Race the Train



Route Directions

Exit Hampton-in-Arden Station and turn left onto High Street

Turn left into Fentham Road, the third road on the left, opposite the war memorial

Follow Fentham Road for about 500 metres until you reach the library at the junction with Butchers Road. Here the road widens so assemble here for the start. Don't stand in the roadway

Run along Fentham Road and turn left into Marsh Lane at the T-junction

Run down Marsh Lane to the bottom and take section of off-road footpath emerging onto lane alongside railway track

Follow lane left under railway bridge, then forward for 500m then follow lane around left-hand bend, pass truck stop on your left and then follow right-hand bend to reach the A452 trunk road.

CAUTION! This is a busy trunk road with two-way traffic so take care when crossing.

On reaching the A452 cross the carriageway, step over the raised concrete barrier and turn left onto the now closed roadway.

Follow the closed roadway for 400m then follow the yellow temporary sign pointing to Mercote Mill Farm.

Follow this temporary road (the future HS2 track bed) passing under a new viaduct and continue until you reach a farm track on your left.

Directly opposite this track turn right and take the off-road footpath, then bear right and cross a small plank footbridge.

Continue forward across a small grassy field. On reaching the hedgeline cross the stepped footbridge, ahead a few metres then turn left.

Follow this path that runs along the perimeter of the wood and to the left of the HS2 workings. (look out for twigs and branches underfoot)

At the stile turn left and follow the downhill path, coming to a small copse

Follow the diagonal uphill and downhill path, through the trees to the right of the lake

Take the boardwalk across towards the church. Take care, some of the planks are very springy Go through two gates into Berkswell churchyard

Exit church driveway onto Lavender Hall Lane

Cross Lavendar Hall Lane diagonally right and take signed footpath opposite at side of house

Follow footpath to Baulk Lane – path has hedge to your right through two fields, **then path crosses through hedge** near top of third field so that hedge is now on your left

Cross Baulk Lane diagonally left and take off-road footpath

At 4-way junction take left path and then follow path as it swings right and goes uphill

At crest path goes half-right through corn field

Path emerges onto farm driveway – look out for stile on left part way along driveway

Take path through two fields then turn right onto driveway to exit onto Truggist Lane

At Truggist Lane turn left and follow Truggist Lane until it just before Jasmine Cottage

Turn right onto a footpath through to Hodgetts Lane

Turn right at Hodgetts Lane and follow the road over the railway bridge until Avondale

Opposite Avondale take footpath on the left of the road leading to Nailcote Lane

Turn left onto Nailcote Lane and follow the road to the traffic lights before the bridge

Just a few metres after the traffic lights take path on the right- if you are on the railway bridge you have gone too far

Run along the edge of Nailcote Hall golf course and turn left just before the mobile phone mast

Follow the path across the bridge to emerge onto Duggins Lane

Follow Duggins Lane to the bottom and turn right into the dead end leading to the station at Tile Hill.