



## Introduction to Berkshire Birding near Reading 2023

Discover the rich birdlife of Berkshire's varied habitats to the south and west of Reading. If you are new to birding or just want to discover some new places to watch birds, these guided walks are for you. These local sites contain a wide variety of resident birds, with a changing cast of migrant and passage birds producing seasonal variations and the occasional surprise. During the course of these walks, we should expect to encounter over 90 different bird species. To encourage a sustainable approach to birding, public transport routes have been used where possible.

Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them.

Contact the leader **at least three days in advance** to register your contact details and to be updated on any changes. We ask you not to turn up without prior booking.

**People under 18** must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone authorised by them and their place must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

Walks led by Peter Driver (with other members of BOC covering if needed)

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All walks start at 9.00am and finish by 12.30

Date	Site	Joining instructions
Saturday 25 March	Padworth Lane Gravel Pit	Meet in the Aldermaston railway station car park (south) at 9.00am. what3words: rotate.river.formation (public transport via rail to Aldermaston)  A circular walk of about 2 miles
Saturday 15 April	Crookham Common/Greenham Common	Meet in the Old Thornford Road Car Park at 9.00am. what3words: nailed.feathers.ruling (public transport to Thatcham station, 26 minute walk)  A level walk of about 4.5 miles
Saturday 13 May	Fobney Island/Fobney Meadow	Meet in the Island Road Car Park At 9.00am. what3words: solar.sweat.runs  (Public transport: Reading Buses 50 Greenwave or 600, alight at Kennet Island turn, 10 minutes walk)  A walk of about 3 miles

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Saturday 10 June	Roundoak Piece/Fifty Acre Piece	Meet at the end of Silver Lane at 9.00am what3words: losses.heartache.drop (public transport: Reading Buses 2 and 2a, alight at College Piece, 24 minute walk) A walk of about 3 miles
Saturday 15 July	Woolhampton Gravel Pit	Meet in the Rowbarge car park at 9.00am. what3words: regal.pulses.ties (public transport: Midgham railway station, 5 minutes walk) A walk of about 3 miles
Saturday 23 September	Hosehill Lake LNR and Bottom Lane GP	Meet in the Fox & Hounds Car Park at 9.00am. what3words: dated.soaks.bump (public transport: Theale railway station, 16 minutes walk) A walk of about 3 miles
Saturday 21 October	Padworth Lane Gravel Pit	Meet in the Aldermaston railway station car park (south) at 9.00am. what3words: rotate.river.formation (public transport via rail to Aldermaston) A circular walk of about 2 miles
Saturday 25 November	Searles Farm Lane Gravel Pit	Meet in the Cunning Man car park at 9.00am. what3words: fairly.clots.arrive (public transport Reading Buses 2 and 2a alight at Cunning Man) A walk of about 4 miles
Saturday 9 December	Fobney Island/Fobney Meadow	Meet in the Island Road Car Park At 9.00am. what3words: solar.sweat.runs (Public transport: Reading Buses 50-Greenwave or 600, alight at Kennet Island turn, 10 minutes walk) A walk of about 3 miles