



Fact-sheet: *Leg Four*

Shepley Wood to Houghton Dale

Description

A delightful leg, starting in a pleasant, small but complex urban area before stretching down the Houghton Dale Nature Reserve by the River Tame.

A must, if only to see the wild water fowl.

The shortest walking distance between the Start and Finish is 4.1km, but with 12 checkpoints the route stretches to about 6.7km.

Transport

		Get on at	Get off at	Duration	Freq	Walk	Cost
To the Start	Train	Piccadilly Station	Guide Bridge	8min	30min	600m	£5
To the Finish	Bus 202	Piccadilly Gardens	St Mary's, Houghton Green	41min	60min	800m down Meadow Lane	£4

By Car

There is adequate street parking adjacent to the Start (M34 5AH) and at the Finish (M34 7QA) in the small car park.

Café and conveniences

There is no café at Shepley Wood, since the park is more of a recreation area for children. There is no café at the Houghton Dale Nature Reserve car park, but add a carrot to your sandwiches for the horses in adjacent field.

Safety

There are no busy roads to cross and most of the paths are hard standing although there are some that are likely to be muddy. One stretch of path next to the river requires care because it is very close to the edge and has awkwardly placed roots.

The Start and Finish in detail

Start

Post Code	Feature
Shepley Wood Park M34 5DL	The Crayon Gate



Finish

Post Code	Feature
Houghton Dale M34 7QA	IN the small car park at the entrance to the nature reserve

