## **About McIlroy Park**

McIlroy Park is a mix of ancient woodland and open meadow land in the heart of Tilehurst. It is one of the pockets of woodland in Tilehurst that has been designated a nature reserve by Reading Council. The southern tip of McIlroys Park is known as Round Copse and this leads to the Drove, which is an ancient highway flanked by magnificent old beech trees. The main area of the park, Beechham Hill, is open meadow with long views across Reading and the Thames Valley and to Mapledurham and the hills beyond. The northern part of the park is woodland.

This pamphlet introduces a circular walk round McIlroys Park. Most of the walk is suitable for pushchairs, buggies or for the disabled. There are a few steps but these can mostly be avoided. It is good for dog walking. A gentle stroll around the wood will take about an hour and a half. It is also a pleasant way to walk from the Tylers Rest in Norcot Road to the Oxford Road.

This walk is part of a larger walk which is described on www.walkontheweb.org.uk which takes in the other parks, nature reserves and woodlands in Tilehurst.

Please keep this woodland tidy, keep your dogs under control, take your litter home, and report any nuisances by phoning 0800 626 540.

# How to get there

#### Walking

Easy distance from anywhere in Tilehurst. Make it part of a larger walk through our local parks - see www.walkontheweb.org.uk.

#### By bike

No motorbikes. Push bikes should not get in the way of walkers, but a gentle ride can be rewarding.

#### By bus

No 17 is an excellent frequent service with stops on Norcot Road at the Tylers Rest for the Southern entrance. Various buses, for example No 15 and No 16, go along the Oxford Road. From the Waitrose stop you can walk up Bates Hill into McIlroy Park.

For further information visit www.reading-buses.co.uk

### By car

Some limited parking in Pottery Road, for starting at the Norcot end of the copse.

#### **Entrances**

There are many entrances allowing easy access. The main entrances are at A, C, G and I.



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