

Thames Head Circular Saturday 27 October 2012

This walk has been organised by David & Gill Pick.

This is a circular walk of about 16 km starting and ending at Kemble Station. Background information can be found in David Sharp's booklet "The Thames Path" and Ron Emmons' booklet "Walks along the Thames path"

When looking into arranging walks for the source end of the Thames (to complement the other REMS Thames walks at the London/ sea end) it became fairly obvious that linear walks along the Thames relying on public transport were not practical for our group. So I'm starting this series with a circular walk and we can discuss over our first pub lunch how we proceed!

The map below shows our route. Heading north from Kemble we pass the Thames Head pub to find (or not depending on the past weather!) the emerging spring which later becomes the "mighty" Thames. Following the way-marked Thames footpath we reach Ewen, an Anglo-Saxon word for source. We leave the Thames path at Somerford Keynes to find our lunch stop at the Baker's Arms pictured below. See <http://www.thebakersarmsomerford.co.uk/dg/24063> The Bakers Arms is a pretty chocolate-box Cotswold pub built from the distinctive honey coloured stone of the area. Dating back to about the 17th Century, as the name implies, the pub did have a bakery once, and also a shop.

After lunch we enter Neigh Bridge Country Park (pictured below) and head north back to Kemble Station via Poole Keynes.

We meet at Kemble station for a 10.45 start (dependent on the winter train timetable). Latecomers can contact me (David Pick) on my mobile number 07733555113 to find out where we are.

