



Cycle Routes Around Redbourn

Nickey Line Route

The Nickey Line route runs around Redbourn to the South and East.

Access - The route can be joined/left at many points along this section, although the easiest points for cyclists are at the junction of Hemel Hempstead Road/B487, at the Chequer Lane ramp, off the High Street by the Redbourn Millennium Park and at the Harpenden Lane/Redbourn roundabout.

Surface – The surface is mainly crushed stone and can be muddy in wet periods.

Ramps - There are ramps by the High street and Chequer Lane.

See our [Nickey Line Users' Code](#) for simple hints on using this shared use path & cycleway.

Safety Points

The Nickey Line has a number of points where cyclists cross major roads and extra care is advised:

- Hemel Hempstead: the A4147 Redbourn Road;
- Hemel Hempstead: Maylands industrial estate, a short on-road section between the recycling centre and the resumption of the off-road route;
- Redbourn: B487 Hemel Hempstead Road near the M1 underpass;
- Redbourn: Chequer Lane;
- Redbourn: access road to the travellers' site off the A5183;
- Redbourn: Harpenden Lane/Redbourn Lane roundabout.

The M1 underpass for the Nickey Line near Redbourn is poorly lit and lights are recommended.

There are also a number of farm and business access routes crossing the Nickey Line. The Line also goes under a quite low bridge at Fletcher Way, Hemel Hempstead.

Notes

Eating / Cycle Shop - Redbourn High Street has a number of eateries, cafes and pubs as well as a cycle shop.

Picnic Site – The Millenium Site built on the old Railway marshalling yard just east of the bridge over the High Street is a picnic site and provides access to the High Street. You can also see the original 1985 plaque marking the opening of the Nickey Line as a footpath & cycleway.

Orchard - On the Hemel Hempstead side of the Chequer Lane crossing point in Redbourn there is a small community orchard that is well worth a visit.

Other Routes - Redbourn offers a number of road-based routes:

- To the West and North-west into the Chilterns, towards the Ashridge estate and to Dunstable Downs (where NCN 574 commences and goes on to join NCN 6 west of Dunstable)
- A variety of circular cross-country rides can be started from Redbourn towards Gaddesden, Flamstead or St Albans.

Useful Sites

Sustrans National Cycle Network Route Map

- The National Cycle Network, [Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk):
- Scroll down to 'Open the National Cycle Network map'

Hertfordshire County Council Walking and cycling routes:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/countryside-management/walking-and-cycling-routes.aspx>

Please note that, whilst Friends of the Nickey Line try to keep these notes up to date, there may be changes from time to time. Please email us (friends@nickeyline.org) with any discrepancies you spot.

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