

Visitor facilities in Goring and Streatley

Goring and Streatley station has lifts to all platforms and a Radar key accessible toilet. It's also the hub of local bus services.



Within easy walking distance are an accessible riverside with picnic areas, accessible countryside paths, historic churches, restaurants, cafés, pubs, a post office, a youth hostel, fully accessible hotel accommodation, an accessible surgery and pharmacy and shops selling groceries, newspapers, household goods, antiques and gifts. In the historic centre of Goring there's an ATM and an accessible toilet.



There are also summer steamer services from Goring lock to and from Beale wildlife park and Mapledurham House.

Train services to and from Goring and Streatley

GWR trains from London Paddington, Slough Maidenhead, Reading, Didcot Parkway, Oxford and intermediate stations serve Goring and Streatley at half-hourly intervals on Mondays to Saturdays and hourly on Sundays

Planning your journey

Advance booking is essential if you travel with a wheelchair or mobility scooter. Booking assistance is simple. You only need to contact one train company and they will organise assistance for your whole journey. You can book by phone or online with GWR direct at: 0800 197 1329 or www.gwr.com or centrally at: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk/travel-assistance 0800 022 3720 (0845 60 50 600 textphone/minicom).

During the morning station staff will help you board and leave the train. During the afternoon and evening and on Sundays GWR will arrange an accessible taxi to take you to and from the nearest staffed station at no extra cost. Lifts are available 24 hours-a-day.



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The beautiful Chilterns North Wessex Downs and Thames Valley

Accessible

by train



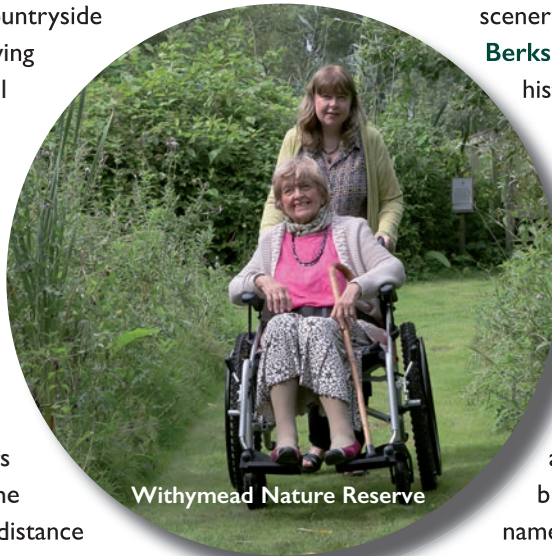
Take the Great Western Railway to Goring and Streatley

A fully accessible station in picturesque countryside

Goring Gap and its areas of outstanding natural beauty

Goring and Streatley station is the gateway to the Goring Gap, a natural corridor carved through the chalk some 12,000 years ago. With its fully accessible facilities the station is the ideal starting point for visitors with limited mobility to sample the river and countryside of the Thames valley. Arriving by train across the graceful **Brunel bridge at Moulsoford**, or its **sister bridge at Gatehampton**, offers a tantalising glimpse of the delights in store.

The twin villages of Goring and Streatley are unique as a leisure destination for weekenders and day trippers. They're the meeting point of the long distance linear trails called the **Thames Path** and **Ridgeway** National Trails and two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), the **Chilterns** and the **North Wessex Downs**. Prominent among their landmarks are Lardon Chase, Streatley Hill and other ancient, open landscapes protected by the **National Trust**.



Withymead Nature Reserve

Miles of towpaths and level or gently graded footpaths, many accessible to wheelchairs and mobility scooters, enable the visitor to explore the **Thames** and enjoy magnificent views of the unspoilt scenery on its **Oxfordshire** and **Berkshire** banks. Linking these historic counties is the picturesque **Goring bridge**. Its adjacent river lock and nearby open spaces are ideally accessible spots for the perfect summer picnic. Kenneth Grahame and Jerome K Jerome found inspiration in the Goring Gap for their classic tales, *The Wind in the Willows* and *Three Men in a Boat*. Oscar Wilde, who lived briefly in Goring, was inspired to give local place names to six of his characters in *An Ideal Husband*. Today's visitors find inspiration in the scenery, the warm welcome and the unrivalled hospitality. **For what else to see and do and where to stay** in the Goring Gap go to: ❖ www.withymead.co.uk ❖ www.visitgoringandstreatley.co.uk ❖ www.bbowl.org.uk/reserves/Hartslock ❖ www.visitthames.co.uk/about-the-river/river-thames-locks/goring-lock



Goring bridge and lock

Find out more

Eleven **Chilterns AONB** sites are featured in a *Countryside Walks for All* pack comprising routes likely to be suitable for people with impaired mobility. See also: *Miles without stiles*.

The **North Wessex Downs AONB** promotes accessibility for visitors of all abilities.

Long distance rambling with mobility scooters can be enjoyed along the wide track of the **Ridgeway** heading west from Streatley along Rectory Road. From here there are panoramic views of the Thames valley and

the **Chilterns** beyond. The **Thames Path** and **Ridgeway** are being improved constantly to make them more accessible. **The latest accessibility details** can be found online at:

- ❖ www.nationaltrail.co.uk/ridgeway and
- ❖ www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath ❖ See also:
- ❖ www.chilternsaonb.org ❖ the interactive map at: www.northwessexdowns.org.uk and ❖ the **Oxfordshire countryside access map** at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/countrysidemap