



How to get to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

Science and Technology Facilities Council
Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
Harwell Campus
Didcot
OX11 0QX

Directions

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Directions by road

- **From the A34 (Southbound)** - Exit the A34 at the Chilton junction, signposted Harwell Campus and Chilton. At the top of the slip road, turn right (second exit) onto Hagbourne Hill. At the next roundabout, take the third exit onto A4185. After going over the A34, go straight ahead at the next roundabout, remaining on the A4185. At the next roundabout take the first exit onto Fermi Avenue (signposted Harwell Campus, Fermi Entrance, Diamond, HPA, RAL). At the next roundabout, take the first exit and go straight on at the following roundabout. Entrance to the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory is on the left hand side after the circular Diamond Light Source building
- **From the A34 (Northbound)** - Exit the A34 at Chilton Junction, branch left (signposted, Wantage), then merge onto the A4185. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Harwell Campus Fermi Entrance, Diamond, HPA, RAL). Go straight across two mini roundabouts and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory can be found on the left hand side after the Diamond Light Source building.
- **From Heathrow Airport** - Take the M4 motorway towards Slough, Reading and the West. Continue as far as junction 13 and then head North for about 8 miles on the A34 towards Oxford and follow the A34 directions given above.
- **From Gatwick Airport** - Take the M23 to London and Guildford. At junction 7/8 join the M25 to Heathrow and Watford. At junction 15, take the M4 towards Slough, Reading and the West, and continue to junction 13. Head North for about 8 miles on the A34 towards Oxford and follow the A34 directions given above.

By train

Nearest rail station is Didcot Parkway, served by trains from London Paddington.

- **Train Information** - [Rail timetable information](#)
National Rail Enquiries - +44 (0)8457 48 49 50

By taxi

The journey to the laboratory is approximately a 15-20 minute drive from Didcot train station and approximately a 35-40 minute journey from Oxford train station.

- [Taxi guide](#)