

MSCA-DN Natural Traces

Workshop: Introduction to Forensic Acarology

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[LL Lectures, PP Practicals, SS Seminars; MAP M. Alejandra Perotti, HB Henk Braig, MSB Marta Saloña-Bordas]

May 31 – Arrivals

PLEASE SEE INFO OF MAPS, HOTEL, etc after  the tentative programme, pages 3 and 4.

June 1 – 5, 2026

Day 1 Monday

09:00 – 12:00 (w/coffee break)

LL: Introduction to Acarology: Part 1

What mites are [MAP]

Adaptations and environments. Lifestyles and diversity of mites [MAP]

14:00 – 17:00

PP: sampling, processing samples, Preparing mites for identification [MAP, HB, MSB]

Day 2 Tuesday

09:00 – 12:00 (w/coffee break)

LL: Introduction to Acarology: Part 2

Soil mites [MSB]

Taxonomy, Orders, identification skills [MAP]

14:00 – 17:00

PP: Session 1 on Identification of taxa of forensically important species. Mesostigmata. [MAP, MSB].

Day 3 Wednesday

09:00 – 12:00 (w/coffee break)

LL: Introduction to Forensic Acarology

Mites with or without corpses. Mites and humans. [MAP]

Mites/arthropods of stored products, as pests. Forensic ticks. [MSB]

14:00 – 17:00

PP: Session 2 on Identification of taxa of forensically important species.
Astigmata [MAP, MSB]

Day 4 Thursday

09:00 – 12:00 (w/coffee break)

LL: Introduction to Acarology: Part 3
Molecular acarology [HB]

14:00 – 17:00

PP: Session 3 on Identification of taxa of forensically important species [MAP, MSB]

Day 5 Friday

09:00 – 12:00 (w/coffee break)

LL: Forensic acarology: case-work (cases and potential cases) [MAP, HR, MSB]

14:00 – 16:00

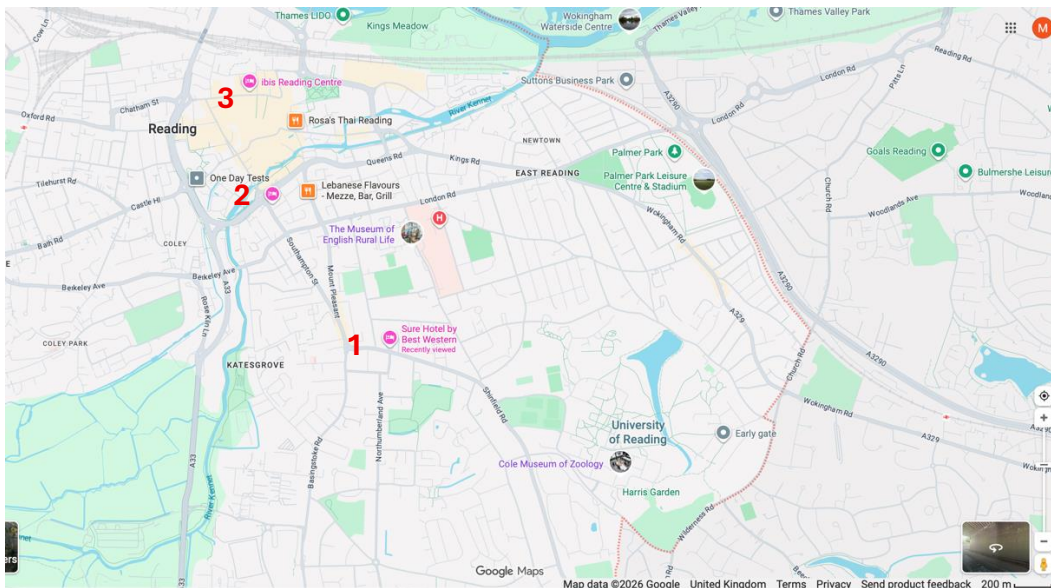
SS: Seminar, working in groups [MAP, HR, MSB]

16:00 – 17:00

PP: surprise!

19:00 workshop dinner

Accommodation



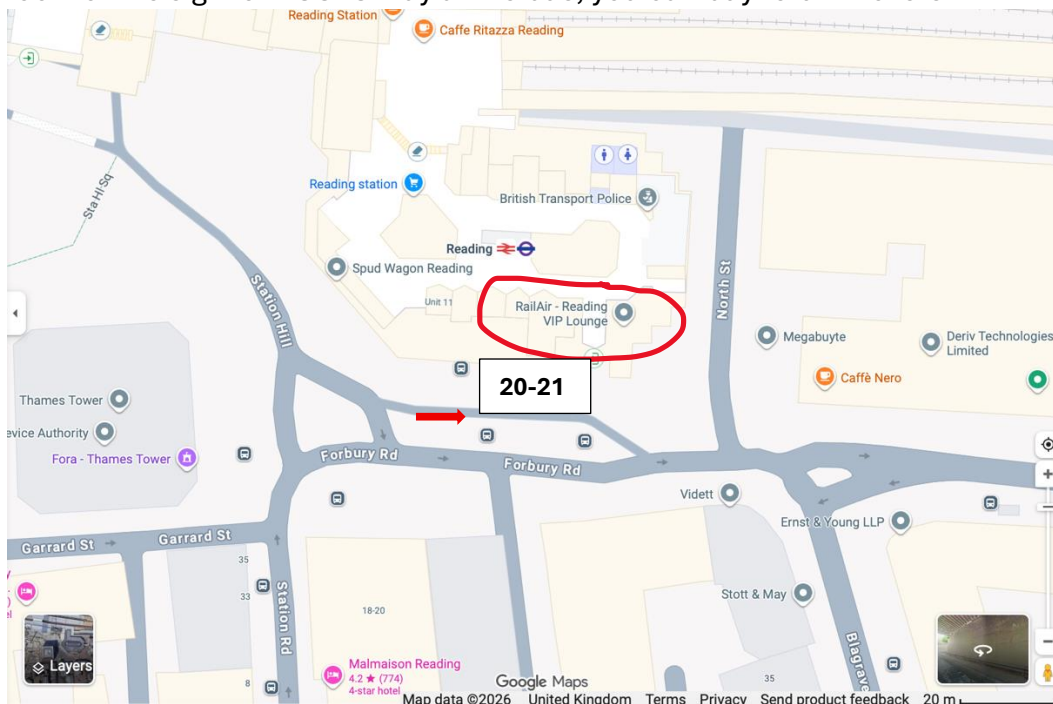
Options:

- 1-Sure Hotel, ~20minute walking distance from the venue
- 2-Premier Inn, you might want to use the stops for the 20-21 buses on London St around the corner
- 3-Ibis Reading Centre, just walk to the train station and the buses as in the map 🙌

Arrival from airport via Rail Air buses if coming from Heathrow

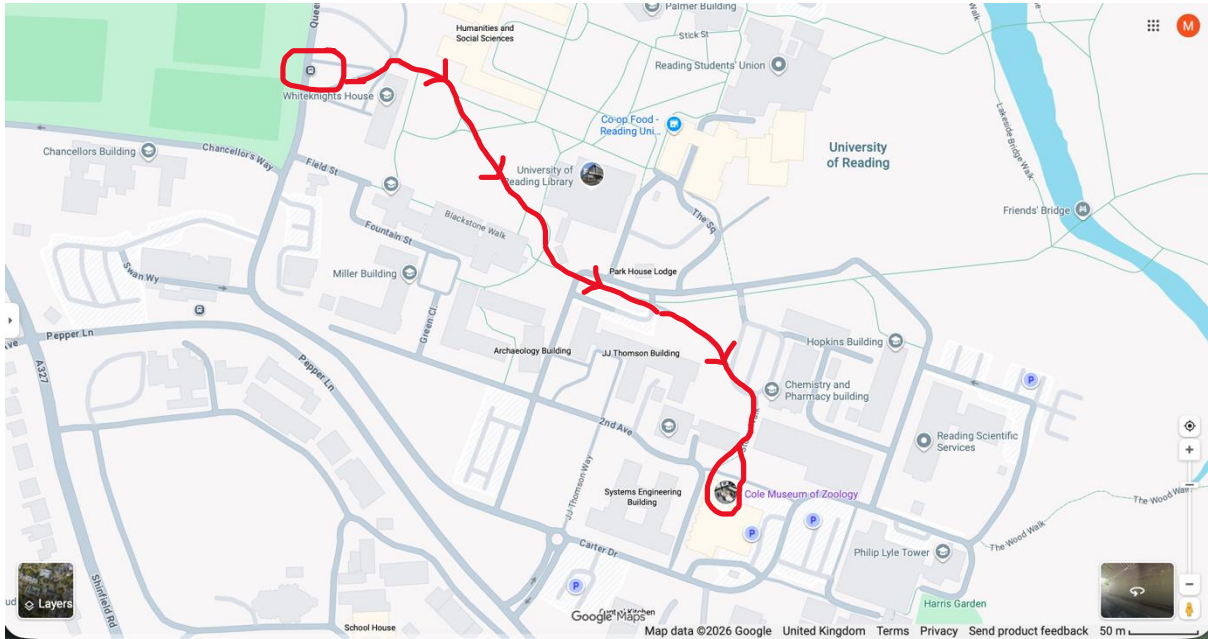
<https://www.railair.com> check timetables and stops

<https://www.railair.com/timetables/RA1> At walking distance from exit. When exiting look for the sign for BUSES. Pay at the bus, you can buy return tickets.



Reaching University of Reading

From downtown, take the bus 20 or 21 which brings you to the University, leave at stop Whiteknights House. You can pay with phone or cards on the bus.



Then walk to the Cole Museum of Zoology about 8 minutes, there is a cafeteria called Trilobite where we can meet at arrival on Monday (to be confirm). The Cole Museum is in the same building as the workshop, **HLS bld**. Rooms to be confirmed soon.