

Round London Cycle Circuit

Section 1: Dartford to South Norwood (NCR 1 to NCR 21)

Distance: 17.38 miles (22.0 miles to start, 18.12 miles from end)

Introduction

This section joins NCR 1 to NCR 21. It starts with a short stretch along the southern most part of NCR 125 out of Dartford, then makes its way south-westwards towards South Norwood, with a short stretch towards London along NCR 21.

Directions

This section starts at the point where NCR 125 crosses NCR 1, just east of Dartford Station and just west of the point where NCR 1 passes under the railway line. Take the path alongside the Darent and pass under the railway.

When you get to the road, take the downwards ramp on the left, and go through the underpass.

Carry on alongside the river, as far as the next road, by the church.

Turn right onto the road, left at the traffic lights, right in front of the museum, and then immediately left into the park.

Keep straight on to the bandstand, then turn left.

Turn right in front of the play area, and skirt round it to the left.

When you reach the river, do not cross it, but turn right alongside it, then immediately fork left.

Keep left alongside the river, and pass through a tunnel under another road.

Bear left, keeping the lakes on your right.

At the corner, carry straight on to the road.

Turn right along the road (leaving NCR 125).

Keep straight on, past various constrictions and discontinuities, until you reach a main road.

Turn right, and then left at the traffic lights into Oakfield Lane.

Keep on this road. In due course you pass over the A2.

Go straight on at the mini- roundabout, and turn left at the next roundabout.

Keep on this road for about 2 miles. At the end, at the traffic lights, turn right and immediately left into Hockenden Lane.

Keep on this road for about a mile, passing under the A20 and a number of houses. Just after Hogspring Stables (on the left), turn right between some staggered barriers.

At the top of the hill, keep straight on past a second set of barriers.

At the bottom of the hill, turn left under the railway viaduct.

Keep straight on, and join a main road that comes in from the right.
Shortly after, turn right off the main road over a footbridge.
Keep straight on through a car park and across another main road, along Cray Valley Road.
Shortly before the top of the hill turn right into Lee Green.
Turn left (one way the wrong way).
Keep straight on along Sherborne Road and then Kingsway.
Keep on Kingsway to the left.
Cross Crossway.
At the end, turn left twice.
At the mini-roundabout, turn right and cross the railway line.
After the carpark, turn right into Crest View Drive.
Turn right into Tent Peg Lane.
Keep straight on past the carpark.
Turn left, joining the London Loop, and then leave it immediately by bearing right (on the tarmac path).
The path becomes a road.
At the end, turn right then left into Hawthorne Road.
Keep straight on at the mini-roundabout.
Take the third turning left into Clarence Road.
At the end, carry straight on along a path, and follow it round to the right.
Keep alongside the fence after the intersection.
Keep straight ahead along Walpole Road and over a crossroads.
At the end, turn left then right into Hook Farm Road.
Turn right and pass the carpark and a barrier.
Pass another barrier and carpark, and turn right to leave the park.
Go straight on at the mini-roundabout, and then turn left along Bourne Vale.
At the end of a stretch with grass on both sides of the road, turn right into Mounthurst Road.
At the end turn left then right.
Take the second left, which is Pickhurst Rise.
Keep straight on until you reach a main road.
Turn left through a chicane and over the railway line.
At the traffic lights keep straight ahead into Ravenswood Crescent.
At the roundabout, take the second exit.
Turn left at the traffic lights, and then take the first right into Devonshire way.

At the next crossroads, you reach NCR 21. Turn right into Langland Gardens.

Cross Wickham Road and take the road slightly offset to the left, which is Cheston Avenue.

Turn right into Parkfields, then enter Parkfields Recreation Ground, and carry on along its right-hand edge.

At the corner, turn right then left into Freshfields.

Turn left into Orchard Rise.

At the end, cross Orchard Way and turn right into Orchard Avenue.

Bear left into Woodmere Avenue.

NCR 21 takes the sixth turning right, into Gladeside. This marks the end of this section. To continue to the next section, leave NCR 21 by carrying on straight ahead.