

Freedom Pass circuit

Section 7: Caterham to Coulsdon South

Distance: 4.53 mi, 7.25 km

Introduction

This section proceeds in a north-westerly direction; the second half is on or very close to the TFL London Loop. A feature of this and the proceeding section is the number of valleys that run north-south; consequently there is much up and down going from valley to valley.

There are cafes and pubs in Caterham and Coulsdon.

Directions

Turn right on leaving Caterham Station.

Turn right along Church Road and pass the museum (free admission). Immediately go up Waller Lane on the right.

Shortly before the top of the hill, go up the steps on the left to the cemetery.

At the top, turn left then right, and left then right again. This takes you out of the cemetery. Advance to Church Hill.

Note the church directly in front. Turn right along Church Hill.

Pass the end of Manor Avenue, and turn left just after Flint House.

Keep straight on past parkland and sports fields, first on the right then on the left.

After the path starts to descend between hedges, turn right. This takes you out onto Sunny Rise Chaldon.

At the end of this road, turn left, then right opposite Roffes Lane.

Keep straight on with the golf course on the left and houses (initially at a distance but later alongside the bridleway) on the right. At the end of the golf course (you will know you are getting close when you catch glimpses of a large pond on the left), turn left.

Keep on this path through the trees past the golf course. Eventually it goes downhill, and emerges into Happy Valley. Go straight ahead along the valley bottom.

Keep straight ahead through the first two fields and half of the third one. Then ascend diagonally to the far left corner.

Here we join the London Loop. Follow the main track through the wood.

As you leave the wood bear left, then go straight on (the Loop goes up the hill by the hedge on the left). Initially the path goes along the right-hand edge of the grass, then diverges to the left of the right-most of several benches.

Carry on straight ahead all the way into Coulsdon, parallel to the road (and the Loop) a few yards to the left.

At the bottom of the hill, rejoin the Loop by crossing the road between a pair of City of London marker posts, and carrying on along the service road on the left.

Turn left along the main road and left again into Reddown Road. Coulsdon South Station is a short distance further along, down a footpath on the right.