

Freedom Pass circuit

Section 14: Hampton Court to Hampton

Distance: 2.70 mi, 4.32 km (via Palace grounds); 2.39 mi, 3.82 km (avoiding Palace grounds)

Introduction

Although this is a short section, two alternatives are provided: one goes through the grounds of Hampton Court Palace, for which there is an admission fee; the other does not.

There are places to eat at both ends of the section.

Directions

On leaving Hampton Court station, go straight ahead over the bridge across the Thames.

Go past the tow path.

To go through the palace grounds:

Turn right into the main entrance of the palace.

Walk up the forecourt. Turn left in front of the actual palace (unless you are intending to visit it), and go through the ivy-covered arch.

Pass the Rose Garden, with a brick wall on your right.

Go through the first opening on the right, turn immediately left, and proceed with the brick wall now on your left.

At the next junction, take the diagonal path on the right.

Turn left after the maze, and exit through the Lion Gate.

Go straight ahead into Bushey Park.

Immediately take the left-most of the two paths on the left.

Keep on this path, roughly parallel to the edge of the park.

At the corner of the brick wall on the left, keep straight ahead.

On reaching the avenue of limes, bear

To avoid the palace grounds:

Just after the roundabout, cross the road and carry straight on along the left-hand edge of Hampton Court Green.

Just before the carpark, bear left and carry on along the pavement.

After the carpark, turn right into Bushey Park.

Take the main path ahead, which diverges slightly away from the carpark.

Keep straight ahead across the avenue of limes towards the small bridge.

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Keep straight ahead over the bridge, and then alongside the wooden fence on the left.

After the corner of the fence, keep straight ahead at the first intersection.

At the next intersection, when the main path starts to bend right, take the middle of the three grass paths on the left.

Keep on the main path until you reach the wooden fence, then go through the gate.

Follow the path, between wooden fences, then over a footbridge, and keep going until you reach the main road.

Turn right into the road.

Turn left into Manor Gardens.

Cross the grass on the left diagonally, and carry straight on on the far side.

At the end, turn left.

Keep straight on until you reach a T junction, then bear right.

At the end of Ormond Avenue, turn right and pass The Railway Bell on the right.

A little further on, on the right, is Hampton Station.