

Freedom Pass circuit

Section 16: Feltham to Heathrow Terminal 5

Distance: 5.65 mi, 9.04 km

Introduction

This section takes us to the outermost extremity of Heathrow Airport, which is Terminal 5.

Most of the route (apart from the first third) is really quite unpleasant, unless you are a keen plane-spotter. Since there is a severe lack of useful footpaths in this area, and the airport itself is large and impermeable, one has little choice but to walk next to busy roads. The alternative route, avoiding Terminal 5, is generally much more pleasant. However, it is much longer.

There are pubs in Feltham and Bedfont. There are also a surprising number of pubs in Stanwell, but none of them seem to serve food. One can obtain food in the airport, of course.

Directions

Leave Feltham Station on the south side, by platform 2, and turn immediately right.

Keep alongside the railway, first on a path (ignore the ramp on the right), then on Orchard Road, then on a path again.

At the end, follow the path under the railway, and then turn left.

Keep straight ahead, between the houses on the right and the wilderness on the left.

At the end, go through the staggered barriers and turn right. Follow the pavement round to the left.

Keep straight ahead along Southville Crescent, and then straight ahead along the left-hand edge of the green.

At the end, keep going to reach Grovestile Waye.

Bear right down the right-hand pavement.

At the end, cross the main road, and go through one of the gaps in the hedge. Turn left.

At the end, briefly rejoin the main road, then take the footpath right, by the pillar box.

Turn right past the church (note the splendid topiary), then left past the church hall.

There is now a long boring stretch. Carry straight on at the traffic lights and straight on at the roundabout. You will need to cross to the right-hand side, and later back to the left-hand side.

Finally turn left down Long Lane.

Turn right into Clay Lane.

At the end, make your way between the parked vehicles on the left.

Turn right after a gate and carry on along the right-hand edge of a field.

At the end of the field, carry on over a footbridge.

At the end of the path, cross the road and carry on along the footpath through a housing estate.

At the end, turn left then right, and head towards the church.

Follow the path into the churchyard, and leave by the exit on the right.

Go straight on past the village sign, and into Oaks Road.

Keep on this road to the end.

Go over the Longford and Duke of Northumberland's Rivers, and turn left onto the cycle track alongside the Southern Perimeter Road. There now follows another long boring stretch, with the added bonus of aircraft noise.

At the roundabout, turn right onto the Western Perimeter Road.

At the second set of traffic lights, turn right into Whittle Road.

Follow the road round to the left into the bus terminal and Wallis Road.

Turn right into Terminal 5 and follow signs to the station.