

Freedom Pass circuit

Section 30: Hadley Wood to Cockfosters

Distance: 2.12 mi, 3.39 km

Introduction

This is a short section that takes us through Hadley Wood, where it joins the TFL London Loop to Cockfosters.

There are places to eat in Hadley Wood and Cockfosters.

Directions

Turn left out of Hadley Wood Station, and cross over the railway line.

Carry on along Crescent East until you reach a T-junction.

Turn right along Camley Way, then left down Wood Ride.

Bear left down Beach Hill Avenue.

When the name changes to Covert Way on a right bend, take the footpath on the left over a footbridge.

Then immediately fork left.

At the next fork take either branch.

Keep straight on past a kissing gate, then skirt left then right round a green metal fence.

A short climb takes you out of the wood.

Then bear right, alongside the edge of the wood on your right, still climbing.

When the path levels out, bear left away from the wood.

This takes you downhill, diagonally across open grassland.

At the bottom, keep on the path through the trees, over a dried-up stream, and bending round to the right. Jack's Lake becomes visible on the left.

Go over a black metal footbridge, and skirt round Jack's Lake on your left.

When you reach a black wooden bench on the right, take the path behind it, away from the lake, over a footbridge of three sleepers.

Then keep on the main path, ignoring various minor paths on the right.

Keep left after going over a dried-up ditch.

The path steadily climbs, with occasional glimpses of houses on the left, and later on the right as well.

Finally you reach a road, by a noticeboard. This is where we join the London Loop.

Turn left through the white gates.

Just after The Cock, keep straight ahead through the green staggered gates.

Turn right along the right-hand edge of the cricketfield, pass the pavilion, and exit through the carpark.

Turn left along the road.

A little later, turn left into another cricketfield.

Turn right and go along the first side and half of the second side of the outfield.

Then take the exit on the right and turn left along Church Way.

At the end, turn right, then take the subway on the right which takes you under the main road.

This leads you directly into Cockfosters station.