

Zone 5 circuit

Section 4: Petts Wood to Hayes

Distance: 4.67 mi, 7.47 km (shorter route); 5.08 mi, 8.13 km (longer route)

Introduction

This is a straightforward section, mainly through countryside. There are alternatives at two points.

In Roundabout Wood there is a choice between a slightly shorter but more complicated route and a slightly longer but easier one. Whichever one you choose may be very muddy.

At Bromley Common there is a choice between a northern route which is slightly longer and a southern route which includes a short stretch along a main road.

The London Loop also goes between Petts Wood and Hayes, but takes a completely different and considerably longer route. So if you do not like this route, you can follow the London Loop instead.

There are pubs at both ends.

Directions

Leave Petts Wood station on the east side, by platform 4.

Walk straight ahead along Station Square, then turn right along Fairway.

At the end, bear left along St John's Road.

Take the first right, which is Beaumont Road.

Take the footpath on the right, between nos. 101 and 99.

Cross the railway, and carry on straight ahead along Jersey Drive.

Cross Shepperton Road, and carry on along the footpath opposite.

Shorter route

Follow the main path, until you reach the fourth turning on the left, which is over a footbridge. Turn right into the woods.

Keep straight ahead until you reach a T junction. Bear right.

Take the next turning sharp left.

At the next intersection, bear right (not sharp right).

Longer route

Follow the main path, until you reach the fifth turning on the left, which is over a footbridge. Turn right into the woods.

At a crossroads keep straight ahead between two benches.

At the next intersection, bear right onto the London Loop (in the opposite sense).

In due course, bear right onto the London Loop (in the opposite sense).

Keep following the main path in the same general direction. At one point you cross a small footbridge.

When you reach the corner of a wooden fence with a row of houses beyond, bear left, leaving the London Loop.

Then immediately bear right, and proceed parallel to the edge of a field on the left.

When the path emerges, turn left.

Southern route

Follow the tarmac path all the way to the end.

Turn left, then take the first right past the school.

At the end, cross Hastings Road and turn left along Oakley Road.

Take the second right, which is the entrance to Bromley Common Cricket Club.

Follow the track as far as a carpark, then bear left onto a footpath.

Keep on the main path all the way to the end, past several paddocks and woods.

Carry on along a residential road.

At the end, turn right along the main road.

Turn left along Chatham Avenue.

Take the second left, which is Hambro Avenue.

Carry straight on along Husseywell Crescent.

Northern route

Follow the tarmac path almost to the end.

Just after artificial football pitches on the right, turn right.

Follow the path round a left and a right bend.

At the end, carry on along Turpington Lane.

At the next road, turn left.

Just before the main road, turn right parallel to it.

Just after the college, turn left into Rookery Lane.

At the end, keep straight ahead along a track.

Bear left after crossing a stream, then keep straight ahead.

Shortly after passing a fishery on the right, turn left, then almost immediately take the second of two turnings right.

Go straight ahead at the crossroads.

Bear right twice onto a residential road.

Turn right along Pickhurst Lane.

Turn right into The Knoll and follow the main path all the way to the end.

Turn right down Ridgeway.

Turn right at the mini-roundabout, and Hayes station is on the left.