

Zone 6 inner

Section 2: Barnehurst to Bexley

Distance: 3.32 mi, 5.31 km

Introduction

This is another short section. It falls into two halves. The first half is mainly suburban. The second half is almost entirely rural; it follows the route of the London Loop. Open spaces include Martens Grove Park and the meadows by the River Cray. Hall Place, near the midpoint, may be visited. Old Bexley, at the end, is pleasant, but has too much heavy traffic.

There is a cafe at Hall Place, and several pubs in Old Bexley.

Directions

Leave Barnehurst station on the south side, by platform 1. From the London end: turn left behind the ticket office; the path initially runs parallel to the railway, then turns right away from it. From the country end: turn left at the T junction and follow the path round to the right.

Carry straight on across Northall Road into Beverley Road.

Bear right into Westfield Road.

Bear right again into Midfield Avenue.

Turn left then right, still in Midfield Avenue.

After the grass triangle on your left, bear left into Stephen Road.

Just after a left bend, enter Martens Grove on the right.

Take the second turning right, down a flight of steps.

At the bottom, turn right then bear left.

Follow the path up a slope, round to the left, and out of Martens Grove.

Carry on straight ahead along Park Grove.

At the bottom, cross Watling Street and go up the steps opposite.

Turn left at the top and descend the residential street.

At the bottom, turn right into Halcot Avenue.

At the right bend, carry straight on to the left of the grass triangle.

After a green fence on the right, bear right onto the grass, and go down an avenue of trees.

At the bottom you meet a metal fence. Skirt round it to the right and carry on alongside it towards the main road.

Leave the park by a kissing gate and cross the main road.

Enter Hall Place, and keep straight ahead, past a carpark and kitchen garden on the right and another carpark on the left.

Cross the Cray by a footbridge. Here we join the London Loop.

Turn left and follow the hedge round to the right, crossing the little creek (usually dry), then follow the hedge round to the right again and head for the bridge over the railway.

Go through the kissing gate and up the ramp and steps, and at the top turn left.

Stay on this side of the road and cross the railway, then immediately after the bridge bear left through the kissing gate and down the path.

At the bottom, take a very sharp left and go under the A2.

The path then bends left. Keep right at the next fork.

A little later, turn right, by a stile, onto a path that runs along the edge of a wood (or a more windy path that runs parallel to it up on the left).

At the end of the path, turn right onto a tarmac path.

When you reach the end of the footpath with St. Mary the Virgin church opposite, turn left then right onto Bexley High Street.

Cross the road as you pass under the railway bridge.

Turn left at the mini roundabout.

At the right bend, turn left into Station Approach, which leads you to Bexley Station.