

Zone 6 inner

Section 3: Bexley to St Mary Cray

Distance: 5.21 mi, 8.34 km

Introduction

This section falls into three parts. The first part follows the London Loop along the River Cray. The last part is a rather boring traipse through the suburbs of St Mary Cray. The middle part consists of a single footpath joining the two.

There are pubs in St Mary Cary.

Directions

Turn right out of Bexley station, and follow the road down to Bexley High Street.

Turn right and right again into Tanyard Lane.

Follow the path straight ahead, under the railway, past cricket grounds and up onto a heath.

Keep on the main path across the heath, then bear left and descend.

Take the footpath on the left, between nos. 106 and 104.

Cross the River Cray and turn right alongside it.

When you reach a large grassy area, bear right onto a minor wiggly path which runs closer to the river.

Shortly after passing Five Arches Bridge, bear left at a fork. Here we leave the London Loop.

Just before this path reaches a road, bear right and pass a housing estate on the left.

At the corner of another housing estate, go through a kissing gate and turn left.

At the intersection, turn left.

After a right bend, pass St James Way, then turn left through a gap in the hedge.

Cross the dual carriageway and turn right.

Take the footpath on the left, just after the start of the sliproad.

Follow the footpath all the way to the end, crossing two residential roads and a main road, and going over the A20.

Bear right when you reach the golf course.

Follow the path round to the left; when it peters out keep straight ahead towards a carpark.

At the carpark, turn right and leave by the entrance.

Follow the driveway leading out of the golf course.

Just before the in and out driveways converge, turn left and cross both of them.

Bear right along a line of trees and head down towards the road.

At the edge of the golf course, turn left, and leave by a kissing gate.

Turn left along the road.

Turn right at the mini-roundabout.

Cross a branch of the River Cray, and turn left.

Keep on the west bank of the river. At the end, turn right.

Cross the main road, and proceed along Broomwood Road.

Take the second left, which is Saxville Road.

Keep straight ahead to a T junction, then turn left.

After a right bend, turn left before a grass triangle then go straight on into Chipperfield Road.

Turn right into Scarlet Close, which leads to St Mary Cray station.