

Zone 6 inner

Section 19: West Drayton to West Ruislip

Distance: 7.32 mi, 11.71 km

Introduction

This is a fairly long section. It largely follows the course of the River Pinn and is mostly rural. It shares much of the course of the Celadine Route, but with a number of improvements. On the way it passes through the campus of Brunel University, and later through an area of importance in the history of the Battle of Britain, as evidenced by a number of the street names.

There are pubs and other places to eat at both ends, but not much very obvious in between.

Directions

Leave West Drayton station on the north side, by platform 5, and turn left.

Turn right at the mini-roundabout.

After crossing the canal, turn right three times onto the towpath.

Go under bridges 192 and 191.

Turn right into the carpark of a large Tesco.

Go straight across the carpark, then turn left alongside the entrance road.

Cross the main road at the traffic lights, and carry on along the footpath opposite. We are now on the Celadine Route.

Keep on the main sandy and gravel path. You will have the River Pinn on your left. At a fork keep left.

Pass a number of green barriers. After the last one, turn left along the road.

At the mini-roundabout, bear left down Peachey Lane. Here we leave the Celadine Route.

Just before a left bend, turn right onto a cycle track.

At the end, cross the road, turn right then immediately left through a gate in a green fence, and enter Brunel University campus. [Could go straight on instead.]

Turn right along the perimeter road.

Immediately after crossing the River Pinn, take the footpath on the left.

Keep going alongside the Pinn, to the far side of the campus.

At the end, turn left and cross the Pinn.

Then turn right and leave the campus through a gate in a green fence.

Cross the main road, and turn left alongside a fence on your right. We are now back on the Celandine Route.

Take the first turning right, and then keep turning right until you reach the other side of the same fence.

Follow the road round a sharp left bend, and then another left bend.

At the end, keep going along a track.

Then take the first right, and cross the Pinn.

Keep on the path, with the Pinn on your left. At every intersection keep left, but do not cross the river.

At the end, turn left then right through a gate in a green fence, marked "Private". Here we leave the Celandine Route again.

Turn left along Keith Park Road.

At the end, turn left. We are now back on the Celandine Route.

At the T junction turn right.

A little after a busstop, take the footpath on the left.

Turn right along the right-hand edge of a grassy area, then keep going in the same general direction.

Bear left onto a gravel path, and go under the Metropolitan Line.

Then bear right twice in quick succession, leaving the Celandine Route.

Keep going, parallel to the Metropolitan Line. At every intersection, bear right, but do not cross over the Metropolitan Line.

Eventually the path goes under a motorway and then bends left to join a slip road.

Carry on along the slip road, crossing over some more motorway.

Take the footpath on the right, then immediately turn left, alongside the slip road.

Turn right alongside the Pinn (do not cross it).

Keep on the path, with the Pinn on your left, all the way to the end.

Then cross the road and enter Swakeleys Park. We are now back on the Celandine Route again.

Bear left off the tarmac path, and carry on with the river on your left, along the left-hand edge of the grass.

Keep going past an exercise area and a children's play area.

Keep straight ahead on the main path, with the river on your left.

Cross a dual carriageway, and continue on the path alongside the river. Pass Pynchester Moat.

When you see the railway viaduct, bear right (do not cross the river). Here we leave the Celandine Route for the last time.

Keep straight ahead on the main path. Initially it runs parallel to the railway, and later diverges from it.

Cross a tarmac path and briefly join the Hillingdon Trail.

At the end, turn left along the main road. (If you turn right you will reach two pubs in 3 and 5 minutes.)

You will shortly get to West Ruislip Station on the right.