

Zone 6 inner

Section 24: Elstree & Borehamwood to Hadley Wood

Distance: 7.62 mi, 12.19 km

Introduction

The section takes us eastwards past the north of High Barnet. It involves a certain amount along busy roads, but that is unavoidable. An alternative would be to follow the London Loop as far as Hadley, but that is longer and involves a much greater distance along busy roads.

There are places to eat in High Barnet.

Directions

Leave Elstree & Borehamwood station and cross the carpark.

On the far side, turn right along Station Road.

Keep straight ahead along a pedestrianized section, followed by a residential road.

After a left bend, turn right up Auden Drive.

Go left then right at Wordsworth Gardens.

Bear left then right at the mini-roundabout.

Climb the hill, then turn right at the T junction. Keep climbing round a left bend.

At the top, take the second of two footpaths very close together on the right.

At the end, cross the road and a strip of grass, and turn right along a residential road.

At the end, turn left along Ashley Drive.

Turn right into Farriers Way.

Turn left into Hackney Close, then take the footpath on the right.

Turn left then right round a basketball court.

Cross a residential parking area, bearing right.

At the end, turn right along the road, and right again parallel to the dual carriageway.

At the end of this road, turn left and go round the roundabout clockwise, leaving it after the petrol station.

Just after the bus stop, turn left.

Follow the path until it bends left into a clearing with a ruined building ahead.

Immediately take the rough path on the right, which initially proceeds in much the same direction as before.

At the T junction turn right.

When the path emerges from the woods, bear left and pass the village hall on your right.

Cross the carpark, and turn left onto a footpath, which takes you back into the woods.

Keep straight ahead over several intersections.

At the second stile, turn right.

Cross the first road, and then turn left along the second in front of The Arkley.

At the main road, turn left.

Turn left into Arkley Lane opposite Quinta Drive.

Turn right into Oaklands Lane. Keep straight ahead when it becomes a bridleway.

At the end, turn left along the road.

Take the footpath on the right, immediately after the last house.

Keep straight ahead, with a row of back gardens on your right.

As you approach the end of the field, turn right then left before the first house.

Keep on the footpath in the same direction, crossing a road.

At the T junction, turn left into a field.

Halfway across the field, turn right.

Go through two kissing gates and keep going in the same general direction.

Turn right when you reach the main road.

Turn left into Sunset View.

At the end, turn right.

At the crossroads, turn left.

At the end, cross the road and carry on across the grass.

Cross the Great North Road, and take the diagonal path to the left of the pond, to join another road.

Carry on alongside the road until just before a road junction on the left.

Cross the road in front of you, and carry on in the same direction along the pavement into Hadley, past the almshouses on your right.

Enter the churchyard and go round to the right of the church. This is where we leave the TFL London Loop.

Leave the churchyard through a small wooden gate, and carry on straight ahead across the grass in front.

Pass three wooden benches on your right.

Keep along the edge of the mown grass until it starts to bend left.

Then carry on straight ahead towards the trees (do not take the fork down to the right).

Keep straight ahead on the main path through the wood. It goes downhill, over a footbridge of three sleepers.

The trees become rather sparse, and the path itself rather ill-defined, but just keep going in the same general direction down the slope.

Go over another footbridge of three sleepers as the ground starts to level out, and then turn right.

Keep going in the same general direction, gently downhill.

Cross a stream (which may be dry) over a third footbridge of three sleepers, then bear left alongside the stream.

At a cross-roads, with some houses just visible on the left, turn left.

Cross the stream again on a footbridge of three sleepers, then fork right towards the houses.

This takes you out of the wood.

At the road, turn right, and follow it round to the left.

The road takes you up a hill.

At the top, turn left into Camlet Way, then immediately right down Crescent West.

At a gap in the houses, turn left along Bartrams Lane.

This leads you directly to Hadley Wood Station.