

Zone 6 outer

Section 4: St Mary Cray to Knockholt

Distance: 5.95 mi, 9.52 km

Introduction

This section takes us south. It is mainly rural, once one has left St Mary Cray; however there is also a suburban stretch in the middle. The last part (from Chelsfield) is shared with the Freedom Pass circuit.

There is a pub in Chelsfield.

Directions

Leave St Mary Cray station on the south side, by platform 1.

Turn left onto Furzehill Square, and follow it round to the right.

At the bottom of the hill bear left.

Turn left along Cray Valley Walk.

Cross over the main road, and go straight ahead past the carpark.

After crossing the River Cray turn right alongside it (this is the last time we will see the River Cray).

At the end of the grass on the left, turn left, cross the road and carry on along Elizabeth Way.

Turn right into Crowhurst Way.

Take the next left, then take the footpath on the right along the edge of the playing fields.

After a yellow barrier, bear left alongside a low fence.

After the playing fields, keep straight ahead, with fields on your right, and then on both sides.

Keep straight ahead at the crossroads.

Follow the path up and through a wood, keeping straight ahead until you reach a road.

Cross the road, and take the footpath to the right of the private road.

Cross a field diagonally.

After a stile turn left, follow the path over two more stiles, then cross another field diagonally down to the road.

Turn left along the road.

Take the footpath on the right when the road becomes private.

Turn right at the wooden gate, and then left.

Keep straight on over the remains of a stile, and then turn left along the edge of a field.

Turn right alongside a hedge.

As you approach the next road, take the footpath on the left.

At the next road, bear right and go through the line of bollards opposite the busstop into Eldred Drive.

Keep on Eldred Drive round a gradual curve to the right, then turn left into Blenheim Road opposite a parade of shops.

Turn left into Wilmington Avenue.

At the end turn left.

Take the next right, which is Berrylands.

Go through the yellow barrier on the left, and follow the path into Goddington Park.

At a circular bench, turn left.

[Might be simpler to follow the edge of the grass?] Between a couple of posts in the centre of the track, turn left across the grass, aiming between a maintenance depot with green fencing and a play area with blue fencing.

Take the right-most of three exits from the park, and cross a field.

At the road, turn right and enter Chelsfield.

Turn left at the next two T junctions.

Just after the village hall, turn right up the steps.

Cross the cricketfield diagonally, aiming towards a bench on the left-hand side. Carry on along the footpath.

Go over two stiles, then bear right.

Keep on the track as it takes you past an orchard, and turn left round it.

Go over a stile on the right and head towards the main road.

Turn left onto a track, and follow it parallel to the main road all the way to the end, where it joins the main road.

Cross the main road, and take the obscure path just to the right of the metal fence, up onto the golf course.

The path bends left then right, then crosses a fairway.

On the other side, go through a gap in the line of trees, then bear left with the line of trees on your left.

Turn right onto a concrete path.

Cross over the dual carriageway on a bridge.

Carry straight on down the hill and over the railway line. Knockholt station is on your right.