

Zone 6 outer

Section 17-18: Feltham to West Drayton

Distance 12.80 mi, 20.48 km

Introduction

Section 16 finishes and Section 17 starts at Heathrow Terminal 5. It is impossible to approach Heathrow Terminal 5 without covering a large distance alongside the airport's perimeter road, which is both noisy and unattractive. This alternative itinerary combines the two sections by avoiding Heathrow Terminal 5 altogether. It should be noted, however, that its distance is considerably greater than the sum of the two sections' distances. It also includes a short section along a busy road without a pavement.

There are places to eat in Feltham, Bedfont, Ashford, Staines and West Drayton.

Directions

Leave Feltham Station on the south side, by platform 2, and turn immediately right.

Keep alongside the railway, first on a path (ignore the ramp on the right), then on Orchard Road, then on a path again.

At the end, follow the path under the railway, and then turn left.

Keep straight ahead, between the houses on the right and the wilderness on the left.

At the end of the path, just before the staggered barriers, go through the squeeze gate on the left. Then bear right.

Turn left at the next intersection and carry straight on towards a line of warehouses.

Follow the path round the last warehouse in the line, with a lake on your right.

At the next junction, turn left alongside the lake.

Keep straight ahead through a small gate when the main track bends left and goes through a small carpark.

A little later bear left along an obscure path.

Turn left into Bedfont Lakes.

Go straight through the carpark, turn left, and follow the track round to the right.

Go over a footbridge, then take the rightmost path at the intersection.

Keep on the main path, past the Motte and many bends. Pass a lake, a nature reserve and another lake on your right.

At the end, turn right in front of the Information Centre and follow the road out of the park.

Turn left onto the main road.

Keep on the main road over the railway.

Take the first right, which is Parkland Road.

At the end, turn right into Parkland Grove, and follow it round several left bends.

At the end, turn right into Village Way, and follow it round several more bends.

At the end, cross the main road, turn right then immediately left down Queen Street.

At the end, turn left, then take the second right, which is Ford Road.

Keep on Ford Road to the end, then turn right into Chesterfield Road.

Keep on Chesterfield Road to the end, then carry on straight ahead along the footpath.

After going over the railway, turn left at the next junction.

Keep on this path. Eventually it takes you across Shortwood Common.

At the end, keep straight on under the Staines Bypass into Leacroft Road.

Follow Leacroft Road to the end, then turn right along the main road.

Take the first left, which is a private road, and carry straight on along the footpath, which bends right alongside the railway.

Skirt past the station carpark, and keep going along the path alongside the railway.

Cross the High Street, and carry straight on along the minor road adjacent to the railway.

Keep straight ahead through a light industrial area and then another footpath.

Keep straight ahead on this path. Eventually it bends left.

Keep going. In due course the path goes under the Staines Bypass (again) and then alongside a reservoir on the right.

Keep on the mostly very straight concrete path, for the entire length of the reservoir. Towards the end, the Colne Valley Way joins from the left.

At the end, bear left along the residential road.

Follow the road round to the right.

When the road bends sharp right, turn left and carry on along the footpath over the River Colne.

At the end of the path, turn right and carry on along the road.

When the road bends left, take the bridleway straight ahead.

This goes round in a semi-circle. This is where we leave the Colne Valley Way. At the T junction, turn right along the cycle track, then turn left.

Pass the barrier and go under the main road.

As the path emerges into an open area on a right bend, for a shortcut you may turn left up the slope, then keep straight on along a barely discernible path and descend on the other side; otherwise follow the main track round to the right and then alongside the River Colne.

At the end, turn right and go through two metal gates and under the motorway.

Then either keep straight on for a shortcut, or follow the track round to the right and then the left.

When you reach the road, turn left.

After the bus stop, take the byeway on the right.

When you see a ramp ahead, leading up to the A4, turn left, go through the line of bollards, then turn right. Follow the path under the A4.

Bear left when you get back to the original path coming down from a ramp on the other side, and carry on in the same direction as before.

When the path meets the Wraysbury River, follow it round to the right (do not cross the river).

Keep on the main path, ignoring various gates on either side. When you first see a carpark on the right, go straight on. You will shortly reach Accommodation Lane.

Bear left over a stile and follow the path round to the left. Another path shortly joins from the left.

Keep straight ahead over several intersections, with the River Colne on your right.

At the fork, keep right.

At the next intersection, bear right over the river.

Bear left along a boardwalk.

At the end, bear left under the M4.

Keep on the main path. Eventually you will have horse paddocks on your right.

Go through a kissing gate, then turn right onto Wise Lane.

At the end, turn left along Rowan Road.

Turn left after the school opposite the Cat and Fiddle.

Take the path along the right-hand side of the green.

Go over the pedestrian crossing, and carry on along the path straight ahead.

At the next intersection, bear right along a very straight tree-lined avenue.

At the end, turn right into Church Road, then left into Station Road.

After the Six Bells, turn right into Brandville Road.

At the end turn left.

The first turning right takes you to West Drayton Station.