

Zone 6 outer

Section 22: Moor Park to Hatch End

Distance: 4.81 mi, 7.70 km via Oxhey Woods; 4.76 mi, 7.62 via Pinner Wood

Introduction

This section is fairly straightforward. The first half features a very long straight footpath that makes its way through Northwood.

If you do not like this route, you can instead follow Leg 25 of the London Loop. This goes between exactly the same start and finish points, but follows a route which is entirely different apart from a stretch near the end.

There are places to eat in Hatch End.

Directions

Leave Moor Park station from the west side, by platform 1.

Pass the carpark on the left, and just before South Approach take the footpath on the left into the wood.

Follow the path all the way to the end, with the stream on your left and South Approach on your right. At one point the stream disappears into a culvert and you have to walk a few yards beside South Approach, before veering left back into the wood.

At the end, turn left along South Approach, then right opposite the road under the railway line. We are now on the London Loop (but the previous leg, going in the opposite direction).

Cross the first residential road, and turn left at the next .

Cross the main road, and carry on into Kewferry Road.

Take the footpath on the left, between Nos. 68 and 66. (The London Loop goes right.)

Keep straight ahead on this path for several miles, over the railway and across several roads. Notice the almost continuous succession of large oak trees. Is the path on the alignment of a significant historical boundary?

The path ends on a hill, with the Pinnerwood Estate ahead and a Coal Tax post on the left.

Via Oxhey Woods

Carry on straight ahead down a private road.

A little before the road bends right, enter Oxhey Woods on the left.

Turn right at the T junction, shortly after.

Via Pinner Wood

Turn right down Potter Street Hill.

Pass Park View Road, then take the footpath on the left just before the pavement ends.

At the end, go straight ahead on a residential road.

At the next intersection, before a left bend, turn right.

Then bear left when you see the golf course ahead.

Follow the path inside the edge of the wood, keeping the golf course on your right. Along the way, the London Loop joins from the left.

Leave the wood through a kissing gate.

Carry straight on along the left-hand edge of a field.

At the next intersection, turn right down the right-hand edge of a field.

Go through the kissing gate by the green barn, then bear right along a footpath.

Carry on along the concrete road, following the road round to the left opposite the entrance to Pinnerwood House.

At the right bend, bear left, go over a stile and cross two fields diagonally.

Carry on along the right-hand edge of the next field.

At the corner, go straight ahead into the wood.

Keep straight ahead through the wood – the London Loop branches off to the left – to emerge onto playing fields.

Cross the playing fields diagonally, aiming to the left of the carpark, and leave along the access road.

Then immediately turn right along Colburn Avenue.

Take the footpath on the left, after No. 1.

Join a tarmac path, and cross over the West Coast Mainline.

At the end, turn right.

At the end of this road, turn right again, and you will shortly come to Hatch End station on your right.

On the right bend, turn left.

At the end, keep straight ahead along the bridleway.

Follow the main track downhill through the golf course.

At the end, turn right along the concrete road. We are now on the London Loop.