

Round London cycle circuit

12: Rainham to Dartford

Distance: 10.89 miles (12.70 miles to start, 22.37 miles from finish)

Introduction

This section joins NCR 13 to NCR 1 via the Dartford Crossing. Its last part uses NCR 125.

Directions

The section starts at the roundabout on the A1306, just outside Rainham. Take the road south into Rainham.

Go straight ahead at the next roundabout, and pass the church and Rainham Hall.

Bear right at the mini-roundabout.

Go over the level crossing, up the spiral ramp and over the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

On the other side, descend the ramp straight ahead into Rainham Marshes.

Keep on the path until you reach a roundabout.

Go straight ahead, under the flyover, to another roundabout.

Go straight ahead again, into the marshes.

Keep going until you reach a road.

Turn left onto it, and immediately right off it, and then right again.

Go straight through the carpark and then bear left along the north bank of the Thames.

Keep on the path alongside the Thames for several miles.

When you reach a small carpark, go straight ahead, down a slope, and then turn sharp right.

Opposite the RSPB building, on the left, go over the footbridge on the right.

Carry on alongside the Thames until you reach the Heritage Museum.

Take the ramp down on the left.

Turn right. The road ascends and bends left.

As it straightens out, take the path on the right, and then turn left along the footpath alongside Tank Hill Road.

Join Tank Hill Road, and then take the second right turn into Tank Lane.

Turn left when the road bends right.

Keep on the main track and go over a railway.

At the road, turn left and go over the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

Turn right at the roundabout (or bypass the roundabout by crossing to the right-hand pavement), alongside the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. Once past the roundabout take the left-hand pavement.

Turn left into North Road.

Shortly before the road reduces to a path, take the cycle track on the right.

At the road, turn right then left, back over the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

Then immediately turn left.

Between a right and a left bend, take the path on the right.

At High House Park, turn right and immediately left, alongside a flint wall.

Take the first left, which is Joslin Road, then turn right down Lockyer Road.

At the main road, turn left.

Just before the CTRL, take the cycle track on the right.

On reaching the next road, turn right along it.

Immediately after passing under the Dartford Bridge, take the ramp on the left, past the gate.

Summon transport at the telephone by the shelter.

On the other side, take the north-west exit from the roundabout, which is Littlebrook Manor Way.

At the next roundabout, turn right (on the same road).

At the next roundabout go straight on.

Turn left along Rennie Drive.

Go straight ahead at the next three roundabouts. NCR 125 joins from the right.

Just before the road ends, turn left then right over a dual carriageway.

Turn left at the first T junction and right at the next.

At the next junction, carry straight on up the hill, which is Joyce Green Lane.

Keep straight on, on Joyce Green Walk, when the road bends right.

At the top turn right on Keyes Road, then immediately left.

At the roundabout go straight ahead down the hill.

Go straight ahead at both sets of traffic lights.

Cross over the Darenth. This is the end of the section.

To carry on to the next section, turn left under the railway beside the Darenth.