

Zone 5 outer

Section 16: Hounslow to Hatton Cross

Distance: 4.16 mi, 6.66 km

Introduction

This section is of moderate length. The first part is through some rather featureless Hounslow suburbs; most of the rest of the remainder is rural, through Hounslow Heath and then along the banks of the River Crane. Unfortunately this is not as pleasant as it might be, because the peace is liable to be shattered by frequent flights into or out of Heathrow.

The second half of the section is largely shared with the London Loop.

There is a pub near the end.

Directions

Leave Hounslow station on the north-west side, by platform 1, and go up the ramp beside the carpark.

Cross the main road, and carry on along Station Road.

Take the second left, which is St Stephen's Road.

This is a long road. At the end, after a right bend, cross the main road and go a short distance along Wellington Road South opposite.

Take the first turning left, by Heathland School, into Wyndham Crescent.

At the end, turn right along the main road, and carry on into Hounslow Heath.

Cross the grass diagonally, passing a play area on the right.

In the far corner, bear right into the trees, briefly joining the London Loop.

Cross another path, leaving the London Loop, and carry on along the path opposite, slightly offset to the left.

Keep going in the same general direction along the main path through the trees. At first there are blocks of flats visible on the left. Later they disappear and the surroundings become a little more open.

At a fork, bear left.

You now have the railway on your left.

After a right bend, bear left onto a narrower path.

At the next intersection, turn left and go over a footbridge.

Follow the path round to the left, then immediately take a minor (and rather overgrown) path on the right.

When you meet another path, turn right onto it.

At the T junction, turn left, rejoining the London Loop.

Turn right after the footbridge, and follow the path alongside the River Crane.

Eventually it bends left, and takes you up to a road.

Cross the road, turn right then left onto another path into Donkey Wood.

Cross three footbridges in quick succession, and keep on the main path. Eventually you will see the River Crane again on your right.

At the end of the path, go up the steps on the left to a main road.

Carry on along the main road, leaving the London Loop.

At the traffic lights, turn right along Green Man Lane.

Carry on straight ahead past the Green Man.

Go straight ahead at the traffic lights.

Hatton Cross station is at the next crossroads, on the left.