

Zone 5 outer

Section 17: Hatton Cross to Hayes & Harlington

Distance: 3.63 mi, 5.81 km

Introduction

This section runs due north. It is surprisingly rural, even at the start, close to Heathrow Airport. It goes between the same start and end points as Leg 20 of the London Loop, but shares very little of the same route. [\[Change the route into Hayes & Harlington.\]](#)

There are pubs in Hayes and a few places to eat also in Cranford.

Directions

Turn right out of Hatton Cross station, and left along the Great West Road.

Carry on along the pavement until the point at which the Piccadilly Line comes to the surface, then go up some steps on the left, and carry on in the same direction as before, with the Piccadilly Line on your right.

At the barrier, take the footpath on the left into the nature reserve, leaving the London Loop.

Keep following the main path. For much of the way the path is very obscure. The idea is to keep going in the same general direction, mainly over open grassland, with airport buildings on your left and the River Crane on your right.

At the far end of the nature reserve there is a five-bar gate (not to be confused with an earlier one next to a kissing gate). Before this gate you pass several kissing gates in succession on the right. Go through the last of them.

Cross the river and then turn left alongside it.

The path gets narrower and rougher, and finally peters out at a wooden fence with a bridge on the left. Just before that point, turn right onto a rough track.

Carry on along a residential road, rejoining the London Loop.

Turn left at the next junction.

Cross the Bath Road and turn left along the pavement.

Take the next right, High Street.

Turn left into Park Lane.

Turn right into Avenue Park.

Follow the path round the left-hand edge of the park. Then keep going with the River Crane on your left. Do not cross the river at the footbridge.

When you reach a minor road, bear right through a kissing gate and go through the underpass.

At the next junction turn left, and bear left at the next one.

Just after the next underpass, take the footpath on the left.

The next stretch is very difficult to navigate because there is no visible path. Make your way as best you can between the main road on the right and the river on the left. If you are lucky you will eventually reach a footbridge over the river.

Go over it and turn right.

Follow the path alongside the river, and then carry on along a minor road after a kissing gate, rejoining the London Loop.

Go straight on at the traffic lights, leaving the London Loop for the last time.

Turn left into Nestles Avenue.

At the end, turn right, and you will shortly come to Hayes & Harlington station on the right.

Bear right past the church.

After a kissing gate, turn right under the stable buildings.

Turn left just before the motorway.

Keep going in the same general direction, passing to the left of the orchard or going straight through it.

Pass through a gateway in the brick wall, and bear right twice.

Go under the M4.

At the T junction turn left.

Take the third left, Crowland Avenue.

Turn right along Monmouth Avenue.

On the left bend, keep straight ahead on a footpath.

Keep going along another residential road.

Cross a main road, and go straight ahead down a flight of steps.

Turn left into a residential road.

Take the next turning right.

At the grass triangle turn left.

At the end, turn right.

Hayes & Harlington Station will be on your right.