

Zone 6 inner

Section 4: St Mary Cray to Orpington

Distance: 2.33 mi, 3.73 km (westerly route); 2.99 mi, 4.78 km (easterly route)

Introduction

This is a short section, which runs south. There are two alternative routes. The westerly one, via Broom Hill, is more direct; the easterly one is more attractive, as half of it is along the River Cray.

There is a pub in Broom Hill, and various places to eat in Orpington.

Directions

Leave St Mary Cray station on the south side, by platform 1.

Westerly route

Turn right into Furzehill Square and follow the road to the left.

At the next corner, bear right down the steps.

Then keep straight on along Sidmouth Road, crossing Cray Valley Road.

Carry on up Austin Road, crossing Hayfield Road and Poverest Road.

Turn right into Friar Road.

Take the second left, which is Robin Hood Green.

Leave the Green along Sward Road.

At the end, carry on along the footpath offset to the right.

At the next road, carry on along another footpath offset to the right, and enter Poverest Park.

Just past the carpark, bear left (not the path that runs alongside the carpark).

At the exit of Poverest Park, turn left, then right into Sandy Lane.

At the end, go up the steps ahead, and turn left along the park.

Easterly route

Turn left into Furzehill Square and follow the road round to the right.

Keep straight ahead down the hill.

At the bottom bear left.

Turn left along Cray Valley Road.

Cross the main road, and carry on along the edge of a carpark.

Keep straight ahead, and cross over the Cray.

Then immediately turn right alongside the Cray.

Join a tarmac path.

At an intersection, keep right, with the Cray now on your left.

Go straight across the next road.

Immediately after coming alongside a main road, bear left onto a rougher path.

At a T junction turn right.

Keep straight on past a church, then turn right.

Take the next left, Albert Road.

Bear right, and then turn right. (If you keep straight on you will reach a pub in 1 minute.)

Carry on along Keswick Road.

Take the footpath on the right, after no. 6.

Keep going in the same general direction, along several stretches of footpath, interspersed with a couple of short sections of residential road, and crossing several more residential roads.

Finally, at the end, opposite no. 33, turn right.

Take the footpath on the right, after no. 21.

Go over the railway and up the steps, then turn left.

In due course you will reach Orpington station on the left.

At the end, turn right at Haydens Close.

On the left bend, go straight ahead along a bridleway.

When you reach a main road, cross it, and carry on along the right-hand edge of a cemetery.

At the end, bear right onto a road.

Keep straight on along Bark Hart Road. (If you turn right down Church Hill, you will reach a pub and other places to eat in 2 minutes.)

Then keep straight on along a footpath.

At the end, turn right down Homefield Rise.

At the miniroundabout go straight ahead.

Cross a residential road, and carry on along a footpath.

Just after you reach another road, bear right onto another footpath.

At the end, bear left into Stanley Road.

Then take the footpath on the left, opposite Keswick Road.

Keep straight ahead at the end.

At the T junction, bear right down another footpath.

Keep straight ahead along a short stretch of road, followed by yet another footpath.

At the end, turn left to reach Orpington Station.