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For a breath of fresh air

South East London's Green Chain Walk



Escape from the hustle and bustle of city life – fumes, noise, traffic and stress

South East London's Green Chain Walk ... its on your doorstep



From the riverside at Thamesmead, Erith and the Thames Barrier to Crystal Palace Park

A network of footpaths link together many of the Green Chain open spaces.

This is one of the key strategic walks within the capital and it also links with other paths around London to create a continuous circular walk within 10 miles of Big Ben called the Capital Ring. Easy to follow signposts help you find your way and to make it easier still, there is also a detailed route pack available.

Information on walks in London is available on 0870 240 6094 or info@walklondon.org.uk, or visit www.walklondon.org.uk

Information on the Green Chain is available on 020 8921 5028 or visit www.greenchain.com



Thames Barrier to Oxleas Wood

4½ miles (2 hours 10 minutes)

- From the Green Chain major signpost on the riverside cross the embankment and pass the coach park. Cross two roads following the marker posts through the gardens and the open space to Woolwich Road. Cross the road and enter the park, the walk divides at this point.
- For Marjory Park, turn left and then right at the 'Circle of stones'. Pass the playground on your right and on to the Green Chain signpost. Follow the marker posts round to the right and through the park. Turn right to climb the steps to Thorntree Road, (to avoid the steps turn left into Marjory Road, right along Marjory Road then right up Woodland Terrace to Thorntree Road).
- Or for Gilberts Pit, turn right and then bear left. Just after the metal fencing turn left and climb the steps to the marker post. (Continue up the steps for extensive views of the Barrier and east London). To continue turn right and follow the path eventually bearing right to follow around the edge of the meadow and through a gate into Thorntree Road.
- From either route cross Thorntree Road and follow the signs into Marjory Wilson Park. Follow the marker posts to the Green Chain signpost where the routes join. Continue on to Charlton Park Road.
- At Charlton Park Road, turn right and cross the road at the bollards. Enter Charlton Park and follow the path to the Green Chain major signpost. Turn right, follow the path to the end and turn left.
- Follow the path almost to the end and then turn left following the marker posts alongside the railings. Leave the park at the gate leading into Charlton Park Lane. Turn right, cross Canberra Road at the mini roundabout and left. Follow Inigo Jones Road, cross Prince Henry Road and enter Hornfair Park.
- Turn left around the play area, cross Hornfair park then left into a narrow path. Bear right through the gate and continue to Baker Road. Turn left and shortly bear right to follow the path across Woolwich Common.
- Head towards the former Royal Military Academy then turn right where the paths cross. Shortly bear left towards the Green Chain major signpost on Academy Road.

- Bear right, along Academy Road, cross it and Shooters Hill at the traffic lights. Turn left along Shooters Hill and bear right to enter Eltham Common.
- Cross Eltham Common and follow the markers into Castlewood. Follow the paths as far as the small car park. Turn right and follow the path, bearing right to Severndroog Castle (or straight ahead to avoid the steps rejoining the main route in Jackwood).
- From the castle, descend the steps to a formal garden then left through Jackwood, turn right into another garden area. Keep the red brick structure to your left and shortly after the gardens turn right, through the woodland to the top of Oxleas Meadows.
- From the Green Chain signpost alongside the pavilion follow the signposts to Oxleas Wood.

- From Waverley Crescent cross the green to Warwick Terrace, bear right, cross Old Mill Road then immediately left to cross Warwick Terrace. Turn right then left along the path behind the shelter. Turn right and follow the marker posts parallel with Old Mill Road. Descend the steps to the pond at 'The Slade' and up the other side.
- Cross Lakedale Road and bear left to follow around the children's playground. Cross the Common to Winns Common Road and the end of Riverdale Road. Turn right opposite Purrett Road to the open grass and follow around the sports pitch to the Green Chain major signpost at the top of the steps and turn left.
- Descend the steps into Great Bartletts Woods. Follow the path on to Wickham Lane, cross to Rutherglen Road then immediately left down the steps into the open space. Follow around to the right and enter Bostall Woods.
- Climb the steps crossing a number of paths. Turn right and follow the marker posts through the woods to emerge eventually on to Longleigh Lane at the Green Chain major signpost.

Thamesmead Riverside to Lesnes Abbey

2¼ miles (1 hour 10 minutes)

- From the Green Chain major signpost follow the path away from the Riverside.
- Follow the path along Manor Way through the underpass beneath Crossway and continue to Manorway Green open space. Turn left along the path and then right to cross the canal footbridge and enter Fieldfare Road.
- Cross the end of Fieldfare Road and pass between numbers 70 and 71 to the Green. Turn left and cross the footbridge into the tump.
- Leave the tump at the other end, continue through Curlew Close and first left into Gargeny Walk. Cross the footbridge, turn right and follow the canal under the road (Crossway). Keep the canal to your right, follow the path through Crossway Park to the Green Chain signpost just before the pond.

- Continue around the pond, bear right and leave the park to cross Eastern Way by the concrete suspension footbridge. Turn left along Belvedere Road then right to Southmere Lake. Turn left before the lake behind the pavilion, to Green Chain major signpost.
- Alternatively turn left at the signpost and follow the path to turn right under Eastern Way. Descend to Belvedere Road, follow the road and turn left to reach the same Green Chain signpost at the lake edge.
- Follow the lakeside path through Southmere Park past the adventure playground. Take the path (Abbey Way) directly southwards crossing Yarnton Way by the footbridge and on over Wolvercote Road.
- Continue along Abbey Way, cross over Alsike Road, the railway and Abbey Road by the footbridge, and enter Lesnes Abbey Park.
- Continue up to the Abbey ruins. Follow the wooden marker posts around the ruins, through the gardens and enter the woods to reach the Green Chain major signpost.

Charlton Park to Bostall Woods

3¾ miles (1 hour 50 minutes)

- Facing the Green Chain major signpost in Charlton Park, turn left and leave the park. Turn right and follow Cemetery Lane to its junction with Charlton Park Lane.
- Turn left along Charlton Park Lane to Repository Road. Cross repository Road and follow the path parallel with Ha-Ha Road to the junction with Woolwich New Road.
- Cross Woolwich New Road at the traffic lights, go down Nightingale Place and up Plumstead Common Road.
- At the Prince of Wales pub turn left into St. Margaret's Grove then right to enter Plumstead Common. Pass the war memorial and the children's playground. Cross Blendon Terrace, pass the tennis courts and bowling green and cross Waverley Crescent to reach the Green Chain major signpost.

Plumstead Common to Oxleas Wood

via Shrewsbury Park 2 miles (1 hour)

- At the Green Chain major signpost at Plumstead Common turn right and follow Waverley Crescent to cross over Plumstead Common Road at the crossing.
- Turn right then immediately left and follow Ennis Road, crossing the end of two roads before taking the steps to the left leading up to Upton Road. Turn left along Upton Road and after the bend bear left up the steps and follow the marker posts along the path between the allotments. Cross the unmade Dothill Road and enter Shrewsbury Park, climbing up to the Green Chain major signpost.
- At the Green Chain major signpost, turn left along the fence to cross the open space and leave Shrewsbury Park by turning right up Mereworth Drive. At the cross-roads, turn left into Kinlet Road and Castlefield Road (pass tennis courts on your left). At Foxcroft Road bear right and cross Eaglesfield Recreation Ground and around the rear of the play area. Leave via Cleanthus Road.
- Turn left and follow Cleanthus road to Shooters Hill, turn right and then left to cross the road at the bollards. Bear left and then right into Kenilworth Gardens and immediately left into Crown Woods Lane.
- Walk down Crown Woods Lane as far as the car park and follow the path to the Green Chain signpost alongside the pavilion.

Bostall Woods to Oxleas Wood

via East Wickham Open Space 2½ miles (1 hour 15 minutes)

- At the Green Chain major signpost take the left hand path (with Bostall Heath to your back) and continue straight ahead. Follow the path down the hill taking the middle option where the path splits into three. Follow the marker posts through Bostall Woods, keeping the open glade on your left, to emerge at the lodge called Woodside at the end of the driveway.
- At Woodside turn left down the track to Cemetery Road and then right to follow the cemetery walk.
- Continue along Cemetery Road and left into Wickham Lane. Cross the road and turn right at the Foresters Arms. Follow Highbanks Close until it turns to the left, at this point enter East Wickham Open Space. Climb to the top of the hill and the Green Chain information board. Continue straight on to the Green Chain major signpost.

- At the signpost bear right along the edge of the planting and then right to follow the wooden marker posts across East Wickham Open Space, through the areas of recently planted trees and out onto Glenmore Road. Turn left along Glenmore Road and right into Dryden Road. Follow Dryden Road crossing the junction with Edison Road and passing Milton Road. Enter the open space where Dryden Road bends to the left.
- Continue along the footpath through the open space to the metal fence. Pass through the gate to the open field and bear to the right to follow the field boundary along the hedgerow and stream. As you near the far end of the field turn right and cross the stream and then after a short distance turn left, cross the small area of scrubland to emerge onto Shooters Hill / Bellegrove Road near the filling station.

Erith Riverside to Bostall Woods

3½ miles (1 hour 45 minutes)

- From the riverside walk down Corinthian Manorway, turn left, cross West Street and turn right.
- Follow Jessett Close bearing left pass the church and cross the footbridge. Bear left along Pembroke Road then right, along Valley Road into Franks Park.
- Follow the marker posts, bearing left to the Green Chain major signpost. Turn right to eventually leave the park to follow along Halt Robin Road.
- Cross Lower Park Road to the junction. Cross Picardy Road. Follow Upper Abbey Road to Heron Hill. Turn right and left past the pub into Leather Bottle Lane.



KEY			
	Ancient monument		Grassland / Common
	Angling		Horse riding
	Area of special scientific interest		Outdoor swimming pool
	Area of wildlife interest		Parklands / Gardens
	Athletics track		Public playing fields
	Boating lake		Putting green
	Bowling green		Sports ground
	Building of architectural / historic interest		Tennis court
	Cafe / Refreshments		GREEN CHAIN WALK
	Mobile Cafe (summer only)		GREEN CHAIN WALK + CAPITAL RING
	Children's playground		Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
	Children's Zoo		Railway Stations
	Camping and caravanning		Bus stops
	Farmland		Colour-coded route points
	Golf Course		

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