

1 The main route of the Green Chain Walk starts at the major signpost on the riverside promenade 1/2 mile east of Thamesmead Town Centre (1A). To reach this point take the path connecting Central way with the River alongside Linton Mead School near the Town Centre (1B). On reaching the River near the main pump-house, turn right and follow the promenade to the Green Chain signpost.

2 From the signpost follow the path away from the River.

3 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.

4 Cross the end of Fieldfare Road and follow the footpath between numbers 70 and 71 to reach the Green. Turn left and cross the footbridge over the Moat into the tump (1C).

5 Leave the tump at the other end and continue through Curlew Close to take the first left into Gargeney Walk. Cross the canal footbridge, turning right to follow the canal under the road (Crossway). Keeping the canal to your right, follow the path through Crossway Park to the Green Chain signpost just before the pond (1D).

6 To reach Southmere Lake, the main (slightly longer) route continues around the pond and bears right along the path out of the park to cross the main road (Eastern Way) and sewer embankment by the concrete suspension footbridge. From the footbridge descend and turn left along Belvedere Road and then right to the lake edge. Just before the lake edge turn left, deviating around the rear of the pavilion, to reach the Green Chain major signpost.

7 Alternatively turn left at the signpost and follow the path to turn right under Eastern Way and climb over the sewer embankment. (Here you have the option of joining a 2 1/2 mile footpath along the top of the sewer embankment known as the Ridgeway. This is signed

from Pettman Crescent near Plumstead Station through to the River Thames next to the Crossness Sewage Works. The Green Chain Walk connects with the Ridgeway at both points where it crosses the sewer embankment). Descend to Belvedere Road, follow the road and turn left to reach the same Green Chain signpost at the lake edge.

8 Follow the lakeside path (1E) 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.

9 Continue along Abbey Way, cross over Alsike Road, the railway (1F) and Abbey Road by the footbridge, and enter Lesnes Abbey Park.

10 Continue up to the Abbey ruins (1G). Follow the wooden marker posts around the ruins, through the gardens and enter the woods to reach the Green Chain major signpost. Here the branch from the riverside at Erith (section 2) joins the main route.