



**Jubilee Greenway**  
Section 3  
Camden to Victoria Park



**Transport  
for London**



**Start:** Camden Lock (TQ286840)  
**Station:** Camden Town  
**Finish:** Victoria Park – Canal Gate (TQ351835)  
**Station:** Cambridge Heath (rail) or Bethnal Green (tube)  
**Distance:** 4.7 miles (7.6 km)

**Introduction:**

A satisfying stretch along the Regent's Canal, from famous Camden Lock to the main site for the London 2012 Games, this section highlights the contrasts of a living, growing capital, meandering between old districts and new developments, each with their own unique style and atmosphere.

This section of the route takes the walker through Camden Town, Islington, Hackney and Bethnal Green, leading finally to Victoria Park. This provides the walker or cyclist with a fascinating look at how London is changing; passing many new developments and constructions, while savouring the atmosphere of the canal. In some ways the towpath side has changed little, whereas the south side of the canal has developed a great deal. Victoria Park is to be one of the sites for the London 2012 Games.

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**Directions:** To start Section 3 from Section 2, continue along the towpath past Camden Lock Market. *Cyclists have to dismount through the market area here.*

Coming from Camden Town station, turn left, cross over the road and the bridge to find the towpath on the north side of the canal. Once on the canal towpath, pass rows of Vespa Scooters used as café seats and a large bronze lion, as well as many appetizing food stalls. Head east towards Victoria Park. The route then passes under a number of bridges, some of which are rather low, and also past several locks, including Hampstead Road Lock, Kentish Town Bridge Road, Camden Street Bridge, Camden Road Bridge and Royal College Street Bridge. After the Royal College Street Bridge **A** there is a sudden view of the BT Tower to the right.

As a diversion, there are steps up to Camley Street Natural Park, **B** at Camley Street Bridge (number 31). To find the nature reserve, at the top of the steps turn right (to walk southwards, parallel to the railway line towards Kings Cross/St Pancras stations. After about 300m, just after having gone under the railway lines in a tunnel, the entrance to the nature reserve is on the left.

Camley Street Natural Park is a nature reserve on the banks of the Regent's Canal. A 2-acre site, it was reclaimed from derelict land in 1985 and now comprises a pond, meadow, marsh and woodland. It is a reserve for birds, insects, butterflies, amphibians and a variety of plant life.

Continue along the towpath as the canal widens into the St Pancras Yacht Basin and St Pancras Lock. The canal and towpath then bend to the left and head under York Way.

To visit the London Canal Museum, **C** take the ramp up to York, just after walking underneath the road bridge. Turn left at the top of the ramp along York Way, towards King's Cross Station, then take the second left into Wharfedale Road. After 175m turn left into New Wharf Road.

Still on the towpath, pass under the Caledonian Road Bridge. In just over 100m, there is another section of canal tunnel where there is no towpath. This is the Islington Tunnel. Either go up the ramp or climb the steps to join Muriel Street.

The next part moves away from the canal and through streets and parks. Look out for the blue glass plaques in the pavements which indicate where the tunnel is.

At the top of the ramp or steps on Muriel Street, turn right. Follow pavement discs on the ground that say 'Towpath Link - Islington Tunnel, Regent's Canal'. After about 10m cross the road and go into a small park through some black gates; look out for blue cycle signs labelled 'Regent's Canal by-pass'.

The route climbs slightly through the park and past a basketball area. Keeping that to the left, carry on ahead – the tunnel is more or less directly underneath this path. Go through four sets of chicanes as the path climbs gradually all the way, and come out onto Maygood Street with a school on the left.

After 80m, at the crossroads, turn right onto Barnsbury Road, and follow this southwards for about 130m, going straight over at the junction with Wynford Road/Tolpuddle Street. Barnsbury Road becomes Penton Street at this point, but continue and take the next left into Chapel Market, crossing at the zebra crossing.

*Chapel Market is no entry for cyclists, so either dismount and walk through, or continue on and take the next left down White Lion Street. At the end, turn left onto Upper Street and cross over at the crossroads towards Angel tube, to rejoin the main route.*

Chapel Market is indeed a market, where there are plenty of cafés and food stalls. Follow Chapel Market to the end (about 325 metres), then turn right into Liverpool Road which leads into the busy thoroughfare of Upper Street. Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing opposite Angel Underground Station. Turn left along Upper Street, and then after about 125 metres, turn right into Duncan Street (passing Islington High Street, leading to Camden Passage, the antique market on your left). Further down Duncan Street is Duncan Terrace Gardens, where there are seats.

Take the zebra crossing over Colebrooke Row. Directly opposite, next to number 20 Colebrooke Row, is an unmarked wall with a wrought iron gate.

Go through this gate and down a steepish hill which leads back to the towpath of the Regent's Canal. (Note that this section is closed between 6pm and 6am, but if you find the gate locked, just follow the cycling route around, as described below.)

*Cyclists: to avoid cycling down the steep hill turn right (when facing the wrought iron gate) along Colebrooke Row, then left onto Vincent Terrace. Then turn left over the Danbury Street bridge and right through a gate to go down a shallower ramp onto the canal towpath.*

Bridge number 38 is the Danbury Street Bridge. From this point it is 2¼ miles to Victoria Park. Next is City Road Lock with the City Road Basin **D** to the right, giving glimpses of the building colloquially known as 'The Gherkin', in the distance.

Pass under Wharf Road Bridge, and then pass another housing development, Packington Square. In some places here the path is very narrow. Continue under New North Bridge (New North Road), Rosemary Branch Bridge, (Bridport Place & Southgate Road), Whitmore Bridge (Whitmore Road), Kingsland Bridge (Kingsland Road), and Haggerston Bridge (Queensbridge Road). After another bridge the path leads to Acton's Lock. **E**

A short diversion north leads to the famous Broadway Market. To get to Broadway Market join the street level at Acton's Lock – there is a ramp just before the Cat and Mutton Bridge. Turn right down Regent's Row, then at the bridge walk left along Broadway Market.

Continue under the Cat and Mutton Bridge and the next two bridges (the first is a viaduct for the railway line – Cambridge Heath station is on the line to the south). About 360m after the last bridge is the north west corner of Victoria Park. Take the first entrance into the park on the left. This is Canal Gate, the end of section 3. Turn right and continue around to the lake where there is a café for a welcome rest; there are also toilets here.