



Jubilee Walkway

Section 4

The Camden Loop



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Start / Finish: Kings College, Chancery Lane
(TQ311812)

Station: Chancery Lane

Distance: 3 miles (5 km)



Introduction: This is a circular walk in the London Borough of Camden connecting the City with the main line stations in the North and showing off the best of London life.

This section starts and finishes at the panel outside Kings College on Chancery Lane (on the gatepost).

The Camden Loop links with section 1 of the Walkway (The Western Loop) at the junctions of Kingsway/Great Queen Street and Chancery Lane/Carey Street.

Directions:

Head north along Chancery Lane crossing Holborn, turning left and then right onto Brownlow Street. At the end of Brownlow Street, turn left onto Sandland Street and right into Bedford Row.

All around this area, you will pass many terraces, squares and crescents of 18th century and early 19th century houses, often with fine wrought iron balconies and railings. **A** These were built when this area, which had previously been fields, was being developed mainly by the Duke of Bedford, hence the many names of streets connected with that family and other big landowners.

At Theobold's Road cross straight over and continue along Great James Street, straight across the pedestrian paved area at the end with young trees, straight ahead into Millman Street. Take the first left at Great Ormond Street and then take the first right on Lambs Conduit Street.

At the end of Lambs Conduit Street, follow round to the right, and over Guildford Street at the zebra crossing. Turn left, passing Coram's Fields, **B** commemorating the Captain Thomas Coram who set up the Foundling Hospital in the 18th century.

Take the first right, following the boundary hedge and trees, along Landsdowne Terrace, and keep following left round Coram's Fields into Brunswick Square. Go past Brunswick Square Gardens on your right crossing over the zebra crossing and either up the steps or the side ramp into the modern Brunswick Centre. **C**

At the central plaza, turn right, and after approximately 60m, turn left out of the Brunswick Centre, into Marchmont Street. Turn right, crossing Tavistock Place into Cartwright Gardens. Take the first right into Leigh Street, after about 120m turn left into Judd Street. Cross over at the zebra crossing 50m away, and then take the first right into tree-lined Cromer Street. Keep ahead at the cobbled section, taking a left into Whidborne Street opposite the entrance to a church. **D**

This then leads into Argyle Street and up to Kings Cross Station. Ahead you can see the tall spire of the 19th century St Pancras Hotel. Turn left on the Euston Road passing close to the British Library.

Originally in the British Museum, the British Library moved to Euston Road in 1998. The library holds over 13 million books, it's the national library of the United Kingdom and has the world's finest collection of books, journals, manuscripts, maps, printed music and sound recordings.

Turn left back down Judd Street and then take the second right on Hastings Street, now parallel to the Euston Road. At the end, follow a crescent of town houses round to the left, called Cartwright Gardens. Turn right into Burton Place, right again at Burton Street, and at the next junction follow the cobbled Dukes Road round to the left and enter the pedestrianised Woburn Walk **E** by a large tree.

Leaving Woburn Walk, turn right on Upper Woburn Place and then at the top, turn left, back onto the Euston Road, passing Euston Station on the right, behind Euston Square Gardens.

Turn left on Gordon Street passing the University College London on the right. Carry on down Gordon Street to join Gordon Square, with its central park. Follow round the park, cross the zebra crossing at the south side, and turn left and immediately right into Woburn Square. **F** At the end, on the pedestrian walkway, continue through the School for Oriental Studies campus, to join Russell Square.

Skirt to the west of Russell Square, turning right along Montague Place and left into the British Museum. **G**

The origins of the British Museum lie in the will of the physician, naturalist and collector, Sir Hans Sloane (1660-1753) who wanted his collection of more than 71,000 objects, library and herbarium to be preserved intact after his death. On 15 January 1759 the British Museum opened to the public with visitor numbers of 5,000; today it is around 5 million.

Walk through the Museum, and once outside the gates, cross the road on the zebra crossing and turn right down Great Russell Street. Almost immediately turn left down Museum Street with its pavement cafés.

At the end of Museum Street turn left alongside Bloomsbury Way. At the

small park on the left (Bloomsbury Square Gardens) cross Bloomsbury Way at the pelican crossing, and then keep going another 90m or so along Bloomsbury Way, until you reach Sicilian Avenue on the right.

Sicilian Avenue was completed in 1910, it is a pedestrian area, with columns at the entrance, stone inscriptions, and Italian feel.

Turn down Sicilian Avenue, and where it comes out on Southampton Row, turn right. Cross High Holborn, passing Holborn tube station. Carry on down Kingsway to the junction with Great Queen Street / Remnant Street. **H**

Section 1 of the Walkway heads right along Great Queen Street.

To continue on this section, turn left into Remnant Street, which at the end opens out into Lincoln's Inn Fields. Either go through or round the park; to visit the Sir John Soane Museum **I** at Number 13 stay on the north side of the square, otherwise cut diagonally through the square with its mature trees, grass and café.

John Soane was born in 1753, the son of a bricklayer, and died after a long and distinguished career, in 1837. He designed this house to live in, but also as a setting for his antiquities and his works of art. Today the museum holds a fascinating collection of the books, casts and models that Soane collected and is open to the public on selected days.

Exit at the far corner and cross over towards an ornate red brick archway. Turn right in front of the archway, down Serle Street and then turn left again along Carey Street back to Kings College.