



Green Chain Walk

Section 3 (Bostall Woods to Oxleas Meadows)

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Transport
for London

Walk
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Start: Bostall Woods (TQ470778)
Station: Bostall Hill (bus)
Finish: Oxleas Meadows (TQ438762)
Station: Shooters Hill / A207 (bus)
Distance: 2.9 miles (4.7 km)



Directions: 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 wall.

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.

East Wickham Open Space provides an open grassland corridor between the ancient woodlands of Bostall and Oxleas. Surveys have recorded 34 bird species, 17 butterfly species and 115 flowering plant species.

At the signpost bear right along the edge of the planting and then turn 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.

Please be aware that a number of walkers have experienced locked gates on the Woodlands Farm section of the Green Chain (Bostall Woods to Oxleas Wood). We advise you to contact the farm on 020 8319 8900 in advance of your visit to ask if the gates will be open. If the gate is locked walk back to Keats Road and continue along it, turning right onto Chaucer Road. Walk past the public house on the right and turn right to take the path signposted Footpath 245. Take this footpath and follow it all the way until it emerges into Hill View Drive. Walk straight down Hill View Drive and at the end, turn right onto the main road (Belgrove Road). Continue past the public house and the petrol station and at the traffic island cross Belgrove Road to rejoin the Green Chain.

Cross the road, turn right then left to enter Oxleas Wood past number 415 Bellegrove Road. Take a right turn a short way inside the woods and follow the marker posts through the woods to reach the wider horse ride track. Turn left along this track and continue for some distance to reach the Green Chain major signpost.

The path joins the Capital Ring Walk here. To continue on Section 3 bear right and follow the path to Oxleas Wood Cafe where this section ends.