

# Zone 5 outer

## Section 5: Hayes to Coombe Lane

Distance: 4.85 mi, 7.76 km

### Introduction

This section is mainly rural, but with a suburban stretch in the middle. It follows the general course of the London Loop between the same start and finish points, but makes three significant diversions, as well as one smaller diversions.

There is a pub in Shirley and a restaurant near the end (but both were closed on both of my most recent visits).

### Directions

Turn right out of Hayes station, then left up Station Hill.

Take the first right, still on Station Hill.

At the top, turn right again.

At the corner, carry on along the footpath.

Keep straight ahead. At Holland Way, keep to the right of the metal fence, along Pole Cat Alley.

At the end, turn right down the main road.

Take the first left, which is Gates Green Road.

Take the footpath on the right.

At the end, carry on up Church Drive.

Carry on into and across the park, passing a marker at the Greenwich Meridian.

As you near the far side, turn right then left, cross the road and carry on along the footpath opposite.

At the end, turn right towards the church.

Go straight through the churchyard, leaving the London Loop (which turns off to the right), bear left as you descend the steps, and then carry on along the footpath.

After the first stile, go along the edge of one field and across a second field.

Bear right and cross a third field diagonally.

Cross the road, and take the path opposite, up towards the wood.

When you reach the wood, turn left along its edge.

You have a fence off on the left. Just before it ends, take the steep path uphill on the right.

Keep left, and turn left at the top.

Bear left onto another path. Here we rejoin the London Loop.

Keep straight ahead on the main path, until you see houses ahead.

Turn left.

Pass two meadows on the right. Here we briefly leave the London Loop.

Enter the trees, then turn right onto NCR21.

The London Loop rejoins from the right, then turns off to the left.

When NCR21 turns left, keep straight ahead. Do not join the road on the left.

At the roundabout, turn left along Lime Tree Grove.

Take the third left, which is Stuart Crescent.

Turn right around the grass circle, and leave along Ferris Avenue.

Keep straight on into the wood.

Keep going in the same general direction. The path bends round to the right, passing some earthworks on the left.

Turn left alongside a wooden fence.

Cross the main road, and turn right along it. We are now back on the London Loop.

Go straight on at the two mini-roundabouts.

Turn left opposite the tennis courts.

Bear left, off the tarmac path, opposite the school, leaving the London Loop.

Keep going in the same general direction on the main path, as it gradually diverges away from the tarmac path.

After a climb you reach a main road.

Turn left up the hill, then right into Maberley Villas.

Follow the track down then up.

At a 5-way junction take the second left.

Then keep going in the same general direction until you come out of the trees.

Turn right along a broad track, which gradually bends round to the left.

Pass a Chinese restaurant on the left, and join the London Loop for the last time.

Reenter the woods, and follow the main path in the same general direction until you reach Coombe Lane tram stop.