

Woodgrange Web Walks

2. Leytonstone via City of London Cemetery, Wanstead Ponds and Blake Hall Road. (Amended September 2012)

DIRECTIONS

Start

Start at the changing rooms on Wanstead Flats, at the junction of Capel Road and Tylney Road.

The walk

1. Head east along the Flats by Capel Road, past the Golden Fleece, then cross Forest Drive at the mini-roundabout. Continue across the Flats, then cross over Aldersbrook Road (with care) by the south cemetery gates. Take the cycle/pedestrian path between the cemetery and the railway. When you reach Alder's Brook, turn left. Walk alongside the cemetery, past the allotments with the River Roding beyond to the right.

2. When almost past the cemetery, you enter Epping Forest through open metal gates, and soon after there is a large area of common land, which has a fabulous crop of blackberries in August. When you reach a T-junction with another path, ~~turn right, cross the bridge over the river, but turn immediately left, crossing back over the river into the woods.~~

2a. The second bridge in the deleted passage above is currently dangerous and has been closed (August 2012), with no sign as to when it will be reopened. Until it does, turn left at the T-junction and follow the path a few yards then bear right to cross the open ground until you reach the forest again. Keeping to the right of the pond follow one of the paths round until it meets a path from the closed bridge. This route is shown on the map (next page) by a dotted red line.

3. ~~Over the bridge, turn immediately right and follow the path to the ponds.~~ Continue with the ponds on your left and the river over to your right until you reach the northernmost point, where the golf links are. Follow the track, leaving the river behind, and double back round the other side of ponds. When you get past Rook Island, and the woodland opens out to your right, take the next path on the right that leads past the Temple and the Keepers' Lodges.

Gates into Epping Forest



Wanstead Park Temple

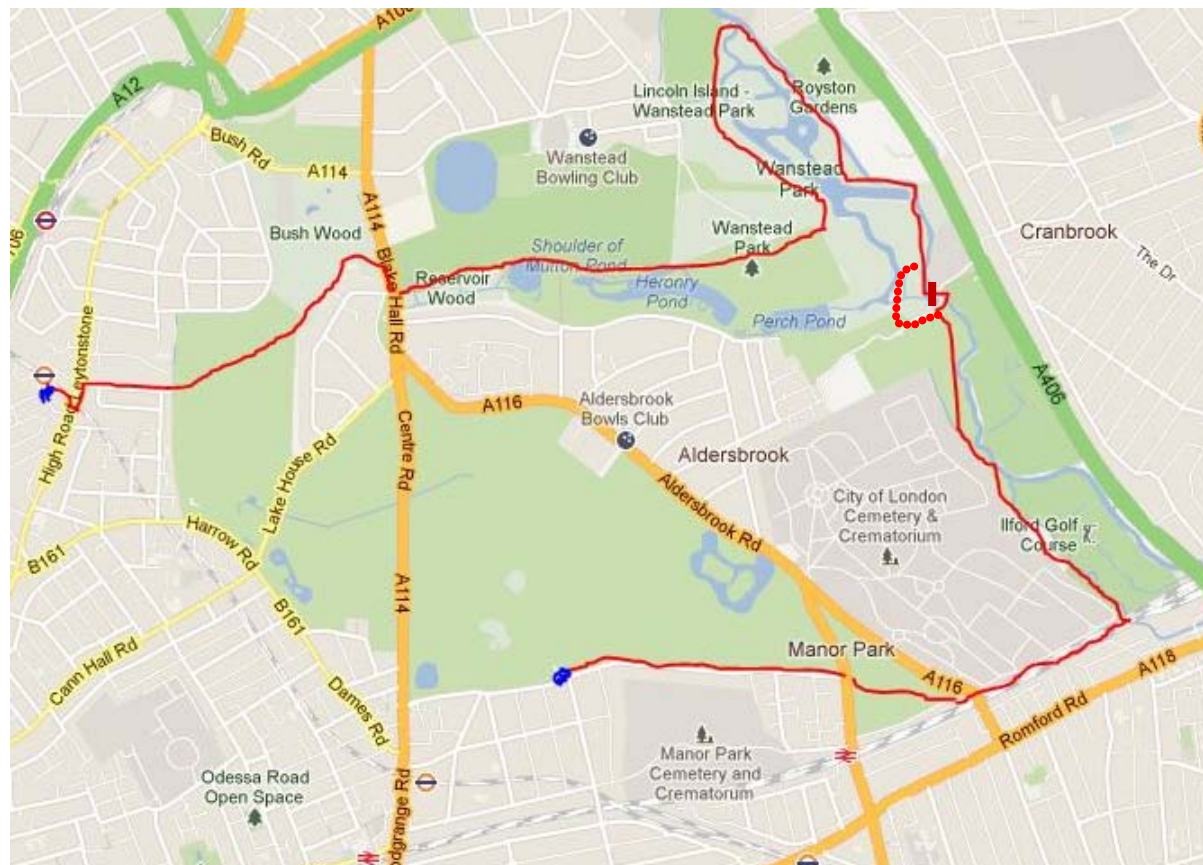


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4. Keep straight on until you meet the Heronry Pond on your left. Continue along the cycleway, bearing right to go past the Shoulder of Mutton Pond. Keep going until you reach Blake Hall Road, cross at the crossing, and turn right. Walk to the bus stop, and go left on the path leading back into the

5. After about a hundred yards you come to a long straight avenue path through the woods, opening out on to Wanstead Flats. On a clear day, before the trees are in foliage, you can see the Shard directly in front of you (just by London Bridge station, about six miles away as the crow flies). Keep going as far as you can until the path bears right and you reach houses and a side road (Ferndale Road). Walk down this to Leytonstone High Road.

Route map



Return

Catch the Overground back to Wanstead Park Station or Woodgrange Park Station.