



Green Chain Walk

Section 11 of 11

Crystal Palace Park to Nunhead Cemetery



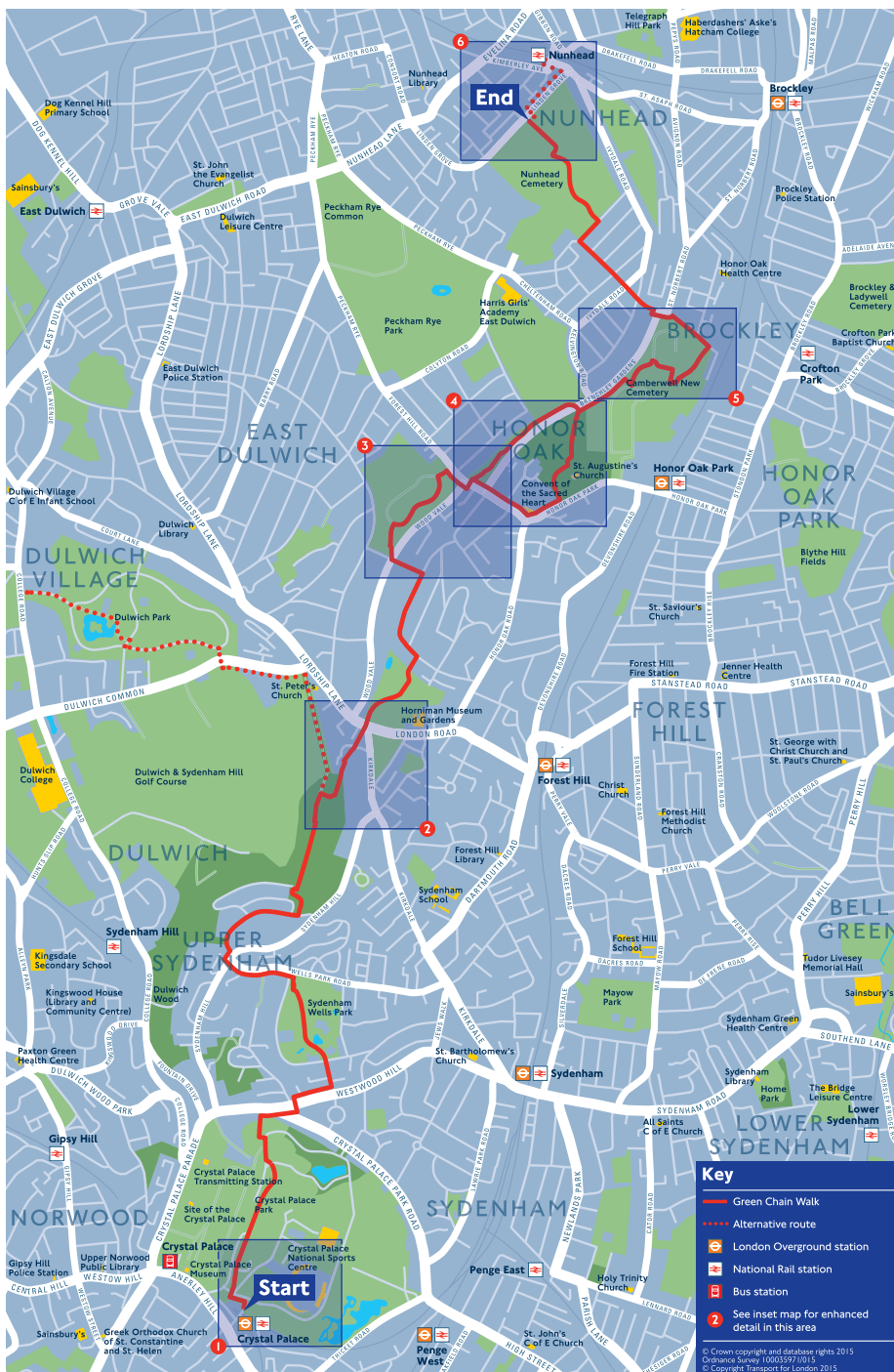
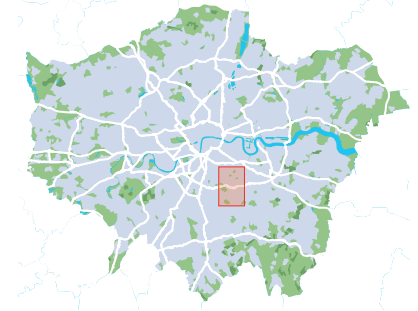
Section start: Crystal Palace Park

Nearest stations to start: Crystal Palace

Section finish: Nunhead Cemetery (Linden Grove)

Nearest stations to finish: Nunhead


Section distance: 5.4 miles (8.7 kilometres)



Introduction

London's first picture gallery, a remarkable museum and a park fit for a queen are among the gems to explore on this section. From Crystal Palace Park to Nunhead Cemetery, with an option to divert to Dulwich Park, this is the final section of the Green Chain walk, a comparatively new section of the Green Chain Walk, having been opened in September 2010.

Directions

 **1** From the Green Chain Walk finger post (just to the right of Crystal Palace station exit) turn left and immediately past the small white 'security hut' turn right through the black gates. This path runs parallel to the former Crystal Palace of which the stone columns still clearly indicate how long it was - it is worth climbing the steps to explore this area, otherwise continue along the lower path. The path kinks left and right twice before you exit the park at Westwood Gate.



Did you know?

The Crystal Palace started life as the home of the Great Exhibition in 1851. The building was only supposed to last for the life of the Great Exhibition but instead of demolition in 1854 it was moved to Penge Park, as it was then called, and re-erected there on a larger scale. It was a great public success but never made money and went bankrupt in 1911. The building was destroyed in 1936 by a fire which, because of its elevated position, could be seen from many parts of London.

Turn right, go over the traffic crossing, and then turn right down Westwood Hill. Turn left down a footpath, immediately before the bus stop, which leads into Ormanton Road.


Cross Longton Avenue and enter Sydenham Wells Park. At the opposite end, turn left out of the park, cross Longton Avenue again and walk up Wells Park Road to the top of the hill.

At the junction with Sydenham Hill, cross turning right then left into Crescent Wood Road. Follow the road past two entrances of Peckarmans Wood, then turn left into Sydenham Hill Wood. Follow the path on the left and descend the steps. Follow the Green Chain finger posts along the disused railway trackbed until reaching the gate through to the footbridge.

Did you know?

The railway line ran from Nunhead to a 'high-level' station Crystal Palace, opening in 1865 for people visiting the Crystal Palace. There were also stations at Honor Oak, Lordship Lane and Upper Sydenham, with the line being electrified in 1925. When the palace burned down in 1936 passenger numbers fell with the line finally closing in September 1954.

The Dulwich Park Link starts at this footbridge and heads ahead into Cox's Walk.


 **2** To continue on the main section eleven route to Nunhead Cemetery, turn right here, cross the bridge and turn left. Turn left again into Lapsewood Walk and continue to reach the junction of London Road and Sydenham Hill.



Turn right, cross Sydenham Hill, then turn left to cross London Road. Turn left and enter Horniman Museum and Gardens.


Did you know?

The Horniman Museum is in Forest Hill, commissioned in 1898 and opened in 1901. It was designed by Charles Harrison Townsend in the Arts and Crafts style. The museum specialises in anthropology, natural history and musical instruments and has a collection of 350,000 objects.


 **3** Leave the gardens at the opposite end turning left into Westwood Park via a path. Follow the road and turn left into Langton Rise. Cross at the junction with Wood Vale and enter the gate into Camberwell Old Cemetery. Follow the path through to the main gate on Forest Hill Road.

Leave Camberwell Old Cemetery through the main gate, turn right then cross Forest Hill Road at Wood Vale.

There are two options from here.

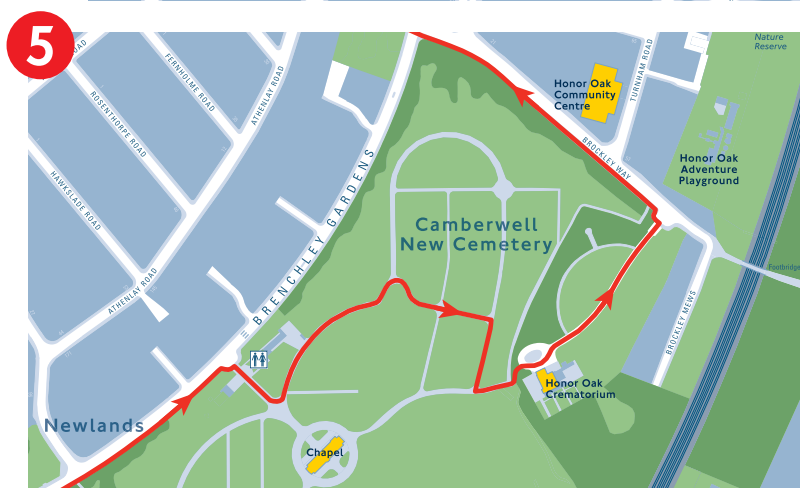
 **4** Turn right up Forest Hill Road and follow the road as it bends left to become Honor Oak Park road. Just past the Hengrave Road bus stop bear left through the gate leaving the road, then turn left and go up the steps to One Tree Hill. Continue straight ahead and leave One Tree Hill by turning right into Branchley Gardens road.

Or, go through the gate, immediately opposite Wood Vale, into Branchley Gardens. Follow the path through the gardens parallel to the road of the same name. Go through the gate to the road (Branchley Gardens) and cross at the pedestrian refuge to rejoin main route.

 **5** Follow the road down then turn next right into Camberwell New Cemetery taking the left path to the opposite end. Leave the cemetery and turn left into Brockley Way.


Follow Brockley Way as it morphs into Merttins Road, in the block between Branchley Gardens and Athenlay Road. At Ivydale Road carry on straight ahead into Inverton Road. Take the fourth right and turn into Limesford Road.

Follow Limesford Road to Nunhead Cemetery entering through the gates on the left. Take the path through the Cemetery to reach Linden Grove where this section ends.



Did you know?

Nunhead Cemetery is one of the Magnificent Seven cemeteries in London, England. It is perhaps the least famous and celebrated of them. Originally known as All Saints' Cemetery, it was consecrated in 1840 and opened by the London Necropolis Company. It is now a Local Nature Reserve.

 **6** To get to Nunhead station, exit the cemetery and turn right on Linden Grove. At the end of the road (at a double mini roundabout) turn left into Oakdale Road and you will soon see the entrance to the station ahead of you.



Dulwich Park Link

Section start: Sydenham Hill Wood
Section finish: Dulwich Park (Old College Gate)
Section distance: 1.2 miles (1.9 kilometres)

Directions

At the footbridge in Sydenham Hill Wood go straight ahead into Cox's Walk and continue to the junction of Lordship Lane and Dulwich Common road. Turn left into Dulwich Common, crossing the road at the fingerpost, and at Rosebery Gate, turn right into Dulwich Park. Follow the wide path and at the junction find the path to the right towards the lake and Park Cafe where you will find toilets.

Go past the cafe along the path with the lake on your left. Continue ahead past the car park to Old College Gate where this section ends.

The entrance to Dulwich Picture Gallery is across the pedestrian crossing and to your left.

North Dulwich and West Dulwich stations are about equal distance. Turn right through Dulwich Village for the North station (for trains to London Bridge and back towards Crystal Palace), or for the South station, turn left along College Road and right at the traffic lights into Dulwich Common road - the station is then 500 metres on your left (for trains to Victoria).