

Verbal description of Walk 33 route (Anticlockwise)

Note the main entrance to St Mary's is on south side, just to the east of A12 overpass and railway bridge.

If the Wallis Road lift is out of action, wheelchair users should catch the 388 bus (ten minute service) from St Mary's to Copper Box (three minute ride)

Leave St Mary's (*checkpoint, Unlock base church*) by either exit, turning left from the drive or right from the arch, to cross the foot of Eastway and go on into Chapman Road past any waiting No. 30 buses. Continue past the Trowbridge Road mini-roundabout, soon turning left into Felstead street (Q19). At the end (Q20) turn right in Berkshire Road then immediately left at Vision Gospel Ministries into Wallis Road. Enjoy all the graffiti as you walk towards the steps (or lift) up to the canal bridge which leads you to the Copper Box car park. At the far end of the car park turn right past a bus stop and across a joining road, then right again into a wide paved area as you enter the Olympic Park. Cross this area diagonally making for the left of the Stadium ahead, cross a bridge over a single branch of the canal, and enter an avenue with trees either side and water below on either side. After a little while you have a choice of route.

(i) You can turn left to cross the bridge towards the Aquatics Centre and use the lift down to the lower level, then proceeding parallel to the water as far as the next bridge. Here turn left.

Alternatively, (ii) continue ahead across the open area past the rising fountains on your right, re-entering the avenue with the Orbit Sculpture ahead. Then turn left across the next bridge, which is wide and signed London Aquatics Centre.

Go ahead a little way, turn right at the road a little way, cross the road at the junction, and go on down the path alongside the road overpass. At the bottom turn right under the elevated road bridge, cross both roads at the lights and proceed under the railway bridge. After a few yards of Carpenters Road, bear left into Hutchins Close (*road sign missing*). This runs into Gibbins Road, which then becomes Wilmer Lea Close and then Lett Road until you reach Stratford High Street. Use the crossing to reach the far side before turning left towards the DLR station. At the station go down right then immediately left to follow a winding route of back-road and footpath roughly parallel to the High Street which will eventually bring you out at the end of Bryant Street. Go along here to find *Bryant Street Methodist Church (checkpoint)* on the south side.

On leaving the church (Q1) continue to the end of Bryant Street turning right into West Ham Lane past the police station (Q2). Cross West Ham Lane at the crossing (Q3) and go ahead into Whalebone Lane beside the park. At the end turn left and almost immediately at the Faringford Road dog-leg cross diagonally to the far side of Tennyson Road. When you reach the end of Tennyson Road go right for a little way to use the lights to cross Romford Road and turn left. Now you have the choice of going up Deanery Road and round the back of Morrisons or continuing along Romford Road and round the front of Morrisons.

From the plaza in front of Morrisons with the figures supporting the globe (Q4), cross The Grove and continue along the left side of The Grove (Q5) until you reach Grove Crescent. Turn left into Grove Crescent (Q6) to reach *St Francis of Assisi Church (checkpoint)*.

Return along Grove Crescent (Q6) to The Grove and turn left. Note Central Baptist Church on the other side of the road, then at Windmill Lane cross before turning left. Proceed along the north side of Windmill Lane, eventually turning right opposite a Methodist Church into Waddington Road which brings you to *St Paul's Church (checkpoint)*.

Leaving the church cross diagonally to the left side of Community Road, going left at the end into Henneker Road, and crossing to the left side of Major Road which will eventually bring you to *Major Road Baptist Church (checkpoint)*.

Leaving the church turn left and cross before turning left (Q7) along the north side of Temple Mills Lane. Noting the brand new Chobham Academy on your left, cross the road at the lights (Q7) and maintain direction into Honour Lea Avenue past all the new build Legacy housing. Cross another road and swing right at the Timber Lodge Café. Go northish past a rope playground and tree sculpture and past the Velodrome on your right (*toilets*). An orange bridge takes you across several roads, and bearing left you come to a further bridge across another road as you leave the Olympic Park.

(Wheelchairs can avoid the rise to this second bridge by going down the ramp to the right, crossing the road at the bottom before turning left under the bridge, and then going right at the lights along a path to rejoin the route. If you also wish to avoid the hard but unmetalled path mentioned below, you could continue along the pavement of Homerton Road as far as the canal, then turn right along the towpath to rejoin the route at a later point.)

After the second bridge, go down the slope and maintain direction along the path until you reach a bridge across the River Lea. Crossing the bridge continue ahead along the yellow hard unmetalled path, at the far end of which you reach the canal.

Turn right to follow the tow path or one of the parallel footpaths for some distance (Q8) until you reach the second bridge across the canal, which is green. This is a double bridge, the lower one being for pedestrians and wheelchairs. Continue from the bridge along the north side of Millfields Road (Q9), then cross diagonally to the right hand side of Glyn Road (Q10). This will bring you to *Paragon Chapel (checkpoint)*.

Leaving Paragon Chapel, go left up Lockhurst Street, turn left into Chatsworth Road and cross at the crossing (Q11, Q12)). Turn right along the left side of Blurton Road which will bring you into Powerscroft Road, at the foot of which (Q13) is *the Round Chapel URC (checkpoint)*.

Leaving the Round Chapel go left along Lower Clapton Road (Q14), then ahead into Urswick Road (Q15) and on, bending left, into Homerton High Street (Q16) eventually reaching *St Barnabas Church (checkpoint)*.

Turn left out of the church and go on for some way down Homerton High Street into Homerton Road in order to reach the Wally Foster Community Centre, the home of Christchurch on the Mead C of E, which was a checkpoint on Walk 10 in 1993. Then either go ahead to the traffic island or double back a few yards to the lights and cross the road (Q17) to reach the path opposite, which follows alongside Mabley Green. Where the path swings left, you go a little to the right to join the Red Path. This will take you over the A12 and bring you out at a small bus garage. Here turn right to reach *St Mary of Eton Church (checkpoint, Unlock base church) (Q18)*.

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Note: the route is a shade under 8 miles.