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LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION London Loop 6: Ewell West to Kingston 30th May 2009

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The London Loop, pioneered by the London Walking Forum, is London's first official orbital footpath, a fascinating journey around the edge of greater London. The definitive guide, "The London Loop" was written by David Sharp, list price £12.99. This guide contains maps, directions, detailed descriptions of the local scenery and facilities on the route. The whole route is about 150 miles long and Sharp's book divides it into 15 sections, starting and stopping at convenient transit points. This section takes us from Ewell West to Kingston Station



From Ewell Springs, where the river rises, the path by the Hogsmill follows a surprising green corridor, with suburbia to either side.

The starting point is Ewell West Station. Aim to be at the station by 11.00. This section is about 8 miles.

The route mainly follows the Hogsmill River, which rises at the ponds in Bourne Hall Park at Ewell West, to where it joins the Thames at Kingston. The picture (from Sharp's book) shows the start of the river section.

It is easy walking, though some sections by the riverbank can be muddy.

The Hogsmill Tavern (a Toby Carvery) at Old Malden is a convenient lunch stop and has a reasonable selection of sandwiches, snacks and of course their carvery menu for £5.50! On the down side it only had London Pride on draught, otherwise cheap and cheerful and obviously popular with the locals of all ages.

Another 4 miles of less attractive walking brings us to Kingston, which the more energetic can then explore. Kingston station has about 6 trains per hour towards Clapham Junction and Waterloo, some of which go via Twickenham.

Latecomers can contact me on my mobile number 07733555113 to find out where we are. Details of the route and a picturesque map can be found at <http://www.walklondon.org.uk/section.asp?section=8>