

**Capital Ring walk 5
on Saturday 21st August 2010**

This walk has been organised by Margaret Stedman.

The Capital Ring is a walking circuit rather like the London LOOP, but of about half the total length (78 miles). It starts and ends at Woolwich and is officially divided into 15 legs averaging about 5 miles each. If the LOOP is the walkers' M25, then the Ring is the walkers' N&S Circular! It is fully described in a Guide by Colin Saunders, list price £12.99. However, detailed information can be found, along with a 'Getting There' planner, on the Transport for London website at www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/walking/localroutes/1160.aspx. Also worth a look is the Walk London website www.walklondon.org.uk/leaflets.asp from which you can download maps and order free leaflets (if still available).

Description: This walk from Streatham Common to Wimbledon Park is about 5 1/2 miles long, and is level with easy walking on pavements and surfaced paths. After leaving the station we pass a mosque-like Thames Water Pumping Station. Soon, we're crossing Tooting Bec Common with its famous lido, to reach Peter Seller's 'Gateway to the South' - Balham (pronounced Bal Ham!). After some pavement bashing we traverse Wandsworth Common and reach our probable lunch stop at the Hope pub. After lunch we confront Wandsworth Prison; famous inmates have included Oscar Wilde, Derek Bentley, and Ronnie Biggs. We then stroll through Wandsworth Cemetery, after which some zigzag pavement walking takes us to the Dunsford Road Recreation Ground, and soon we're at journey's end at Wimbledon Park station, after pausing (?) at an icecream shop.

Travel: We meet at Streatham Common rail station; please aim to be there by 11:00. Possible trains are: London Bridge dep 10:19 arr Streatham Common 10:42; Clapham Junction dep 10:34 arr Streatham Common 10:41. But please check times and your route eg using the tfl website. No Jubilee line service this weekend.

Latecomers can contact me (Margaret Stedman) on my mobile number 07947 018 241.



Wandsworth Common Pond



.....and its Boardwalk