

**Capital Ring walk 6  
on Saturday 23rd October 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), officially divided into 15 legs averaging about 5 miles each. It is fully described in a Guide by Colin Saunders, list price £12.99. However, detailed information can be found on the Transport for London website at [www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/walking/localroutes/1160.aspx](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/walking/localroutes/1160.aspx). Also worth a look is the Walk London website [www.walklondon.org.uk/leaflets.asp](http://www.walklondon.org.uk/leaflets.asp) from which you can download maps and order free leaflets (if still available).

**Description:** At about 7 miles from Wimbledon Park to Richmond this walk is one of the longer Capital Ring walks, but is full of interest (albeit with some gentle hills). We soon enter Wimbledon Park, once the grounds of a 16<sup>th</sup> century Manor House; the landscape and lake were created later by 'Capability' Brown. A gentle walk uphill takes us to leafy Putney Heath and Wimbledon Common where we have a coffee stop at the café next to the famous Windmill, built in 1817, now restored and used as a museum. Continuing across the Common we meet and follow the Beverley Brook and then cross the busy A3 (drop out option) to enter Richmond Park at the Robin Hood Gate. The walk takes us past the Pen Ponds and then on to our late lunch stop at Pembroke Lodge. We then pause at Henry VIII's Mound for spectacular views before descending to the Petersham Gate. We cross the flood plain meadows saved from development by Christopher Brasher, and then the Thames Path. Leaving the river we pass historic houses at Richmond Green, before arriving at Richmond station.

**Travel:** We meet at Wimbledon Park station which is one stop from Wimbledon on the District Line. Many options: eg from Victoria take District Line direct, dep 10:21 arr Wimbledon Park 10:47; from Waterloo take train dep 10:27 (Clapham Junction 10:36) arr Wimbledon 10:43, then change to District Line dep 10:51, arr Wimbledon Park 10:53. But please check times and your route eg using the tfl website. Please aim to be ready to start by 11:00. Toilets are available along the route, and a 'half way' drop out could be made at the A3, 85 bus to Kingston or Putney.

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



Wimbledon Park Lake



The Wimbledon Windmill