

This visit has been organised by David and Gillian Pick

The definitive guide is "The London Loop" written by David Sharp, list price £12.99. This guide contains maps, directions, detailed descriptions of the local scenery and facilities on the route. You can also find a detailed guide at http://www.walklondon.org.uk/uploads/File/sections/loop_17_directions.pdf. This section takes us from Cockfosters to Enfield Lock Station and is about 9 miles.

Aim to be at Cockfosters for a 10.30 start. Cockfosters is at the end of the Piccadilly Line and appears as the destination indicator on the front of the train. The loop route passes by the station car park through a small gate on the left near the car park entrance. Easily missed!

This section is predominately rural. From Cockfosters station you are immediately in Trent Park, once the home of the Sassoon family, whose mansion across the lake is now part of Middlesex University. Then you follow Salmon's Brook through the farmland of Enfield Chase. A stiff climb leads to a busy road (The Ridgeway) and a descent into the valley of Turkey Brook. You follow this most of the way to the end of the section, passing through Hilly Fields Park and the Forty Hall Estate.

At Clay Hill you briefly encounter the Hertfordshire Chain Walk. At Forty Hill you cross the New River Path and pass the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh is said to have famously laid down his cloak for Queen Elizabeth I to step on. The rural surroundings come to an end as you approach Turkey Street, passing its station. You cross two high stepped footbridges over the Great Cambridge Road and the railway line at Enfield Lock, with Albany Park in between.

Looking back over the Salmon's Brook Valley and Enfield Chase.



Dropping into Hilly Fields Park, the LOOP crosses this footbridge over the infant Turkey Brook before following it to join the River Lea.



Lunch will be at the Rose and Crown, 185 Clay Hill, Enfield around 13.00. The Rose and Crown was once owned (- 1752) by the grandparents of Dick Turpin. It is reputed that Dick Turpin used the pub as a hide-out. Gordon Hill station is near-by.

Latecomers can contact me (David Pick) on my mobile number 07733555113 to find out where we are.