

Petts Wood Station to Chislehurst

A walk through National Trust farmland and the chance to visit some of the many pubs in Chislehurst

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks [introductory notes](#) for explanation about information provided in these walking guides

See [Route No 85](#) for an alternative route between Petts Wood and Chislehurst, walking through the woods, and passing the William Willett Memorial sundial



Approx. Distance:

- 3 miles

Approx. Time:

- 1.3 hours (excluding time spent at pub stops – there are a lot of pubs!)

Gradients:

- No significant steep gradients, but includes several flights of steps on the railway footbridges

Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly gravel paths, grass, some tarmac

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has no stiles or kissing gates

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- All roads have footways, except Botany Bay Lane, which is a gravel track used by few vehicles

Livestock or crops:

- The track passes through Hawkwood, which is a working farm; fields may contain livestock or crops

OS Grid References:

- Petts Wood Station: TQ 444676
- Chislehurst, High St: TQ 439707

Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 162
- Part of the route is covered by the Ramblers' guide to the LOOP, including maps ([follow this link](#)). Note that the original maps/guide published by TFL is now out of date, and the TFL website includes a link to the new Ramblers' guides
- Part of the route is covered by the Bromley Council walk guide 'Petts Wood'

Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Petts Wood Station:
 - 21 to Farnborough
 - 23 to Scadbury Park

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- Also see [Route 85](#) 'A British Summer Time Walk'
- From Chislehurst:
 - There are currently no Bromley Pub Walks, however:
 - The Green Chain Walk, from the High Street, links to numerous places in Bromley and South East London, see: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/green-chain-walk>
- This route intersects with:
 - 30, Chislehurst Station to Scadbury Park

Pubs:

- Petts Wood Station:
 - [Daylight Inn](#), Station Square, Petts Wood. BR5 1LZ
 - [One Inn The Wood](#), 209 Petts Wood Road, Petts Wood. BR5 1LA
 - [Royal British Legion Club](#), Queensway, Petts Wood. BR5 1DHX
 - [Sovereign of the Seas](#), 109-111 Queensway, Petts Wood. BR5 1DG
- Near Chislehurst, War Memorial:
 - [Bulls Head Hotel](#), Royal Parade, Chislehurst. BR7 6NR
 - [Cockpit](#), Royal Parade, Chislehurst. BR7 6NR
 - [Crown Inn](#), School Road, Chislehurst. BR7 5PQ
 - [Tiger's Head](#), Watts Lane, Chislehurst. BR7 5PJ
- Near Chislehurst, High St:
 - [Gordon Arms](#), 47 Park Road, Chislehurst. BR7 5AY
 - [Queen's Head](#), 2 High Street, Chislehurst. BR7 5AN

Public Transport:

- Petts Wood Station (Zone 5):
 - Southeastern, Victoria to Orpington via Bromley South
 - Southeastern, Charing Cross/Cannon St/London Bridge to Orpington and Sevenoaks via Grove Park
 - Thameslink, Orpington to Blackfriars via Bromley South (weekdays only)
 - 208, Lewisham to Orpington via Bromley
 - 273, Lewisham via Chislehurst
 - Plus other local 'R' buses to/from Orpington
- Chislehurst, War Memorial (*or nearby*):
 - 61, to Bromley North/South via Orpington
 - 160, Catford Bridge to Sidcup via Eltham
 - 269, Bromley North to Bexleyheath via Sidcup
 - 273, Lewisham to Petts Wood
 - SL3 express, Bromley North to Thamesmead
- Chislehurst, High St (*or nearby*) (*NB, different stops for different routes*):
 - 61, to Bromley North/South via Orpington
 - 160, Catford Bridge to Sidcup via Eltham
 - 162, Beckenham Junc. to Eltham Strn. via Bromley
 - 273, Lewisham to Petts Wood
 - R7, Chislehurst to Chelsfield Village via Orpington
 - Plus various other TFL bus services

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Notes:

- In Chislehurst you have a choice of six pubs (excluding those near the station or Scadbury Park). This route gives you the option of visiting all of them, or perhaps selecting just a few
- If you stop for a drink in Petts Wood, you have the choice of the Grade II Listed 1930s pub, plus a Wetherspoons, a micropub (*the 1st micro to open in Bromley*) and the Royal British Legion Club (*CAMRA members welcome, please show your membership card*)
- There are many paths through Petts Wood, Hawkwood, Chislehurst Common and Scadbury Park. Four routes are included in the Bromley Pub Walks, but many other alternatives are possible.
- The Bromley Pub Walks within this area are:
 - Route **22**, Petts Wood Station to Chislehurst High St (*this route*)
 - Route **23**, Petts Wood Station to Scadbury Park
 - Route **30**, Chislehurst Station to Scadbury Park
 - Also Route **85**, A British Summer Time Walk

The Route:

Starting at Petts Wood Station

- Leave the station via the footbridge, using the exit furthest from the ticket office, continue straight ahead to Queensway (the main road), and then turn right
- Continue straight on into Crest View Drive and then right into Tent Peg Lane, following the LOOP signs into Jubilee Park via the path through the trees adjacent to the car park.

Jubilee Park

- At the far end of the car park, turn right at the T junction of paths, to go over the first of 3 footbridges over rail lines.
- Keep following the LOOP signs, along tarmac paths between fences, crossing the smart suburban cul-de-sac called 'Little Thrift', then over a further two rail footbridges
- At the far end of the third footbridge take a sharp left turn (*NB the LOOP goes right at this point*)
- Follow the gravel path adjacent to the railway along a belt of trees until it turns sharp right into the open. The path now runs between hedges separating fields. After another gravel track joins from the left, the route now continues straight ahead, crossing Kyd Brook, and then straight on until joining Botany Bay Lane, near some farm buildings. Note that Botany Bay Lane is also used by vehicles



Botany Bay Lane

- Continue along Botany Bay Lane, a tree and hedge-lined bridleway, which eventually joins the end of a tarmac road, Hawkwood Lane. *Part way along the bridleway Route 30 (Chislehurst Station to Scadbury Park) joins from the left, then leaves on the right after about 200 yards*
- Adjacent to the point where the tarmac starts, once stood the former Hawkwood mansion; a 1960s house now stands on the site. More information about this is on the [National Trust](#) website

Hawkwood Lane / Chislehurst Common

- Continue along Hawkwood Lane until you reach the first part of Chislehurst Common, an open space on the left, immediately after the junction with Morley Rd. Follow the path diagonally across the Common until reaching Watts Lane. Turn right to reach the [Tiger's Head](#), which is only a few yards away

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- Not very far away from the Tiger's Head are the Crown Inn, Cockpit micropub and the Bulls Head Hotel (see detailed sketch map)
 - The [Crown Inn](#) is diagonally left across the Common from the Tiger's Head, the path takes you past a depression in the ground which was once a cockpit
 - The [Bulls Head Hotel](#) can be reached by roads, but it is a more pleasant walk to go through St Nicholas' churchyard, opposite the Tigers Head
 - The [Cockpit](#) is close to the War Memorial (*see below*)
- William Willett, the promoter of daylight saving time, is buried in the nearby churchyard (in the corner adjacent to Church Lane / Manor Park Road)
 - For more about William Willett, see [Route No 85](#), A British Summer Time Walk
- Also in the churchyard is the grave of [Malcolm Campbell](#) (1885 to 1948), a motoring journalist and racing driver, who held speed records on both land and water, as did his son Donald Campbell (1921 to 1967)
- CAMRA historians may be interested to note that the Bulls Head Hotel was the only Bromley pub to be listed in the first edition of the Good Beer Guide (1974). Follow [this link](#) for details of all the Bromley pubs which have ever appeared in the Good Beer Guide

War Memorial

- After visiting some or all of the first four of the Chislehurst pubs, you can continue your pub tour by walking towards the War Memorial
- After crossing the A222 near the War Memorial, it is possible to walk all the way to the [Queen's Head](#) using paths on the Common. The Common is dissected by Heathfield Lane, Loop Road, and Ashfield Lane which you will need to cross, however continue walking parallel to Centre Common Rd
- There is a path running adjacent to the Queens Head, along the edge of the pond. Turn left into Green Lane and follow it until reaching the [Gordon Arms](#) on the left hand side

Starting at Chislehurst

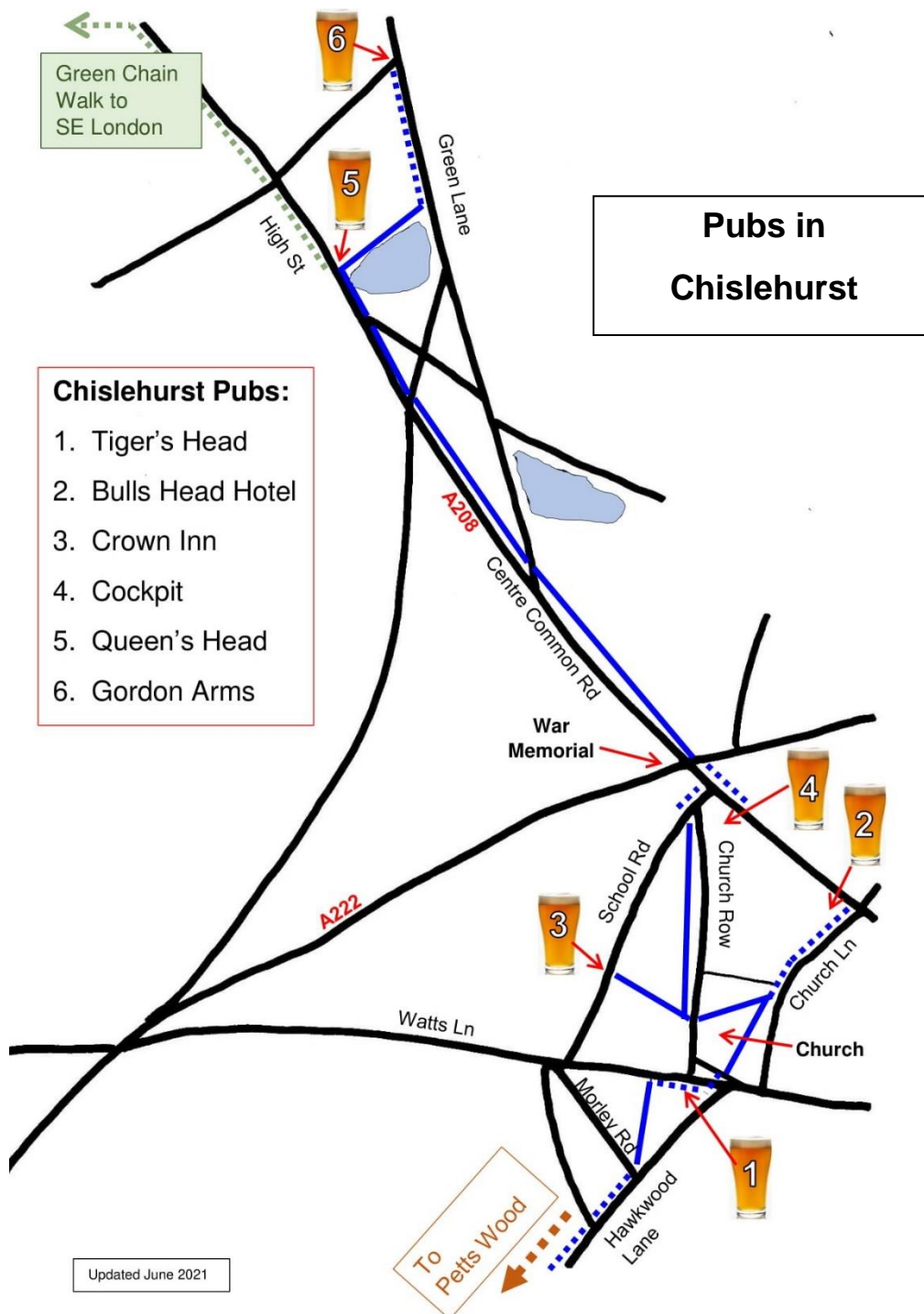
- The route starts at the Gordon Arms pub

The **Bromley Pub Walk guides** have been prepared and published by Bromley CAMRA to encourage members and others to enjoy walking in the rural areas of Bromley and to visit the many pubs and clubs on the routes.

If you have any comments about the Bromley Pub Walk guides please send an email to: walking@bromley.camra.org.uk

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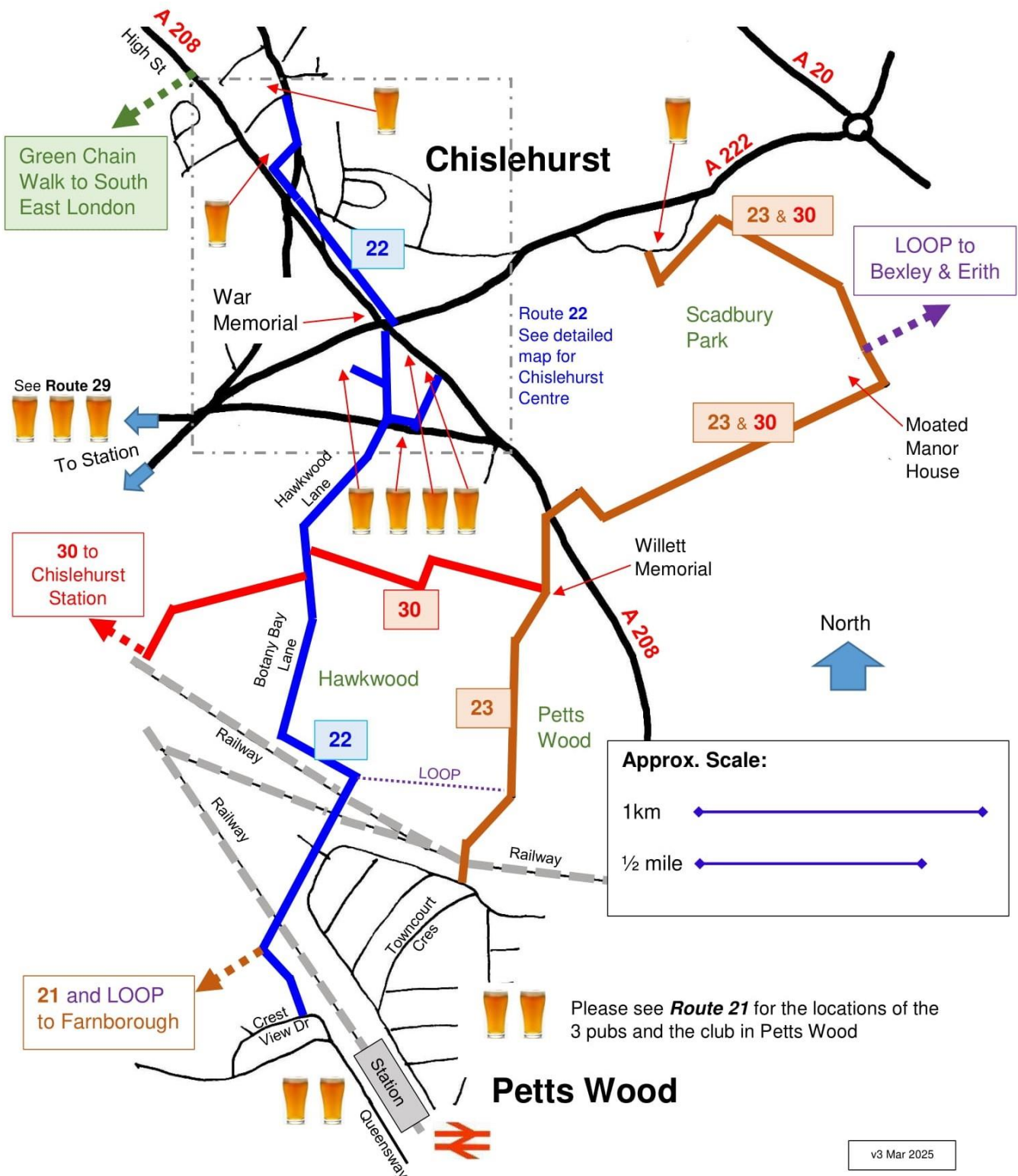
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Sketch Map of Route 22 (not all roads are shown)



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