

# Bromley Pub Walk No. 23

## Petts Wood Station to Scadbury Park

Via The London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP)

A walk mostly through woodland in Petts Wood, Chislehurst Common and Scadbury Park

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



### Approx. Distance:

- 3.1 miles

### Approx. Time:

- 1.25 hours

### Gradients:

- No significant steep gradients, but includes some steps

### Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly gravel paths, grass, some tarmac

### Stiles / Gates:

- This route has some kissing gates

### Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- None

### Livestock or crops:

- No livestock or crops

### OS Grid References:

- Petts Wood Station: TQ 444676
- Chislehurst, Scadbury Park: TQ 453704

### Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 162
- Most of the route is covered by the Inner London Ramblers guide to the LOOP, which includes detailed maps and description of the route, follow [this link](#) to view the 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
- From Scadbury Park:
  - 30 to Chislehurst Station
  - 73 to Sidcup (*not yet published*)
  - Also, the LOOP continues from Scadbury Park to Bexley and Erith



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- This route uses some of the same paths as:
  - 30 to Chislehurst Station
  - See also Route 85, the British Summer Time Walk, Chislehurst to/from Petts Wood, which uses some paths included within Routes 22 & 23

## Pubs:

- Petts Wood Station:
  - [Daylight Inn](#), Station Square, Petts Wood. BR5 1LZ
  - [One Inn The Wood](#), 209 Petts Wood Road, Petts Wood. BR5 1LA
  - [Sovereign of the Seas](#), 109-111 Queensway, Petts Wood. BR5 1DG
  - [Royal British Legion Club](#), Queensway, Petts Wood. BR5 1DHX
- Scadbury Park:
  - [Sydney Arms](#), Old Perry Street, Chislehurst. BR7 6PL

## Public Transport:

- Petts Wood Station (Zone 5):
  - Southeastern, Victoria to Orpington via Bromley South
  - Southeastern, Charing Cross/London Bridge to Sevenoaks via Grove Park and Orpington
  - Thameslink, Orpington to Luton via Bromley South, Blackfriars and St Pancras (*currently weekdays peak hours only*)
  - 208 Lewisham to Orpington via Bromley
  - 273 Lewisham via Chislehurst
  - R3 Princess Royal Hospital to Orpington
  - R7 Chislehurst to Chelsfield [Five Bells] via Orpington
- Chislehurst, Scadbury Park:
  - 269, Bromley North to Bexleyheath via Sidcup
  - 160, Catford Bridge to Sidcup via Eltham

## Notes:

- With the exception of short sections within suburban Petts Wood and Scadbury Park, the remainder of the route follows the London Outer Orbital path (LOOP). *We recommend that you use the excellent guide to the LOOP published by Inner London Ramblers, which includes detailed maps and description of the route, follow [this link](#) to view the guides*
- There is quite a lot to see on this walk:
- Whilst in the woods, you can take a short detour to see the memorial to William Willett, the campaigner for daylight saving time; the Grade II Listed Daylight Inn is named in his honour. The inscription on the memorial is "*horas non numero nisi aestivas*". A possible translation of this is "*I don't count hours unless (they are) summer (hours)*". Latin scholars are welcome to submit improvements on this translation.
- Most of Petts Wood (the wood, not the suburb), was saved from development in the 1930s by public subscription. It was donated to the National Trust and dedicated to the memory of William Willett.
- The remainder of the wood was bought by Colonel Francis Edlmann, owner of the adjacent Hawkwood Estate. This land, plus the Hawkwood Estate were subsequently donated to the National Trust in 1957 by Robert and Francesca Hall. This route passes close to the stone which commemorates Col. Edlmann and the Mr & Mrs Hall.
- For more about Petts Wood see: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petts-wood-and-hawkwood>

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- The route also takes you through part of the suburb of Petts Wood, an up-market early 20th century development, much of it in 'Builder's Tudor' style.
- If you decide to stop for a drink near Petts Wood Station, here you have the choice of not only the Grade II Listed 1930s pub, but also a Wetherspoons, a micropub (the first micro to open in Bromley) and the Royal British Legion Club (*CAMRA members are welcome, please show your membership card*).
- Scadbury Park is now managed as a nature reserve by Bromley Council. The park covers more than 300 acres, most of it is woods and grassland
- At one time it was owned by Thomas Townshend, the 1st Viscount Sydney, after whom the Australian city of Sydney was named
- The nearby Sydney Arms was named after John Robert Townsend, 3rd Viscount Sydney – the grandson of the 1st Viscount
- This walking route passes the remains of the medieval moated manor house. For more about the history of Scadbury Park see: <https://www.scadbury-park.org.uk/about/brief-history-of-scadbury>
- The Bromley Council walking guide to Scadbury Park can be downloaded from the Council website, see: [https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/download/187/walking\\_trails\\_in\\_bromley](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/download/187/walking_trails_in_bromley)

## The Route:

### Starting at **Petts Wood Station**

- Leave the station platforms via the steps and then turn right onto the footbridge to exit the station through the ticket office
- Go down the steps and walk straight ahead towards the right hand side of the Grade II Listed 'Daylight Inn'. Turn left past the front of the pub and continue straight on into Woodland Way, then cross the road and go diagonally right into Towncourt Crescent
- At the end of Towncourt Crescent go left into Hazelmere Rd, then almost immediately right onto a path between houses which goes under the main railway line in a subway
- The other end of the subway is in the woods. Walk straight ahead and after about 100 yds. *The LOOP joins from the left. This route now follows the LOOP into Scadbury Park*
- Now follow the LOOP signage straight ahead through the woods
- After a short while on the left you pass the memorial to Francis Edlmann, and Robert & Francesca Hall
- To see the William Willet memorial necessitates making a short detour, however there is no signage. To find it you will have to turn off to the right of the route from Petts Wood, at the boundary between the National Trust woods and the common. It's located at TQ 450691
- *Route 30 to/from Chislehurst Station joins from the left, at the boundary between the National Trust woods and the common. Routes 23 and 30 now follow the same paths all the way to Scadbury Park*
- The path leaves Petts Wood, and continues straight ahead into the (also wooded) Chislehurst Common
- Cross the busy A 208, St Pauls Cray Rd. with care, and continue to follow the LOOP signs through Scadbury Park
- The LOOP route passes the remains of the medieval moated manor house
- A few hundred yards after the moated manor, there is a junction where the LOOP takes a sharp right turn, however our route goes straight ahead down 3 steps. Follow the signs to 'Picnic Area & Perry St Car Park'
- *Route 73 to Sidcup (still in preparation) continues to follow the LOOP*
- Our route continues downhill, including another approx. 24 steps, and then uphill to the steel kissing gate onto the main drive. Go straight across the drive and take another kissing gate onto the track leading into the trees signposted to 'Perry St Car Park'

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- Once at the car park, turn right to walk through the car park and continue into Old Perry St, where the [Sydney Arms](#) will be seen just across the road to the right

## Starting at **Scadbury Park**

- The route starts/ends at the Sydney Arms in Old Perry St, which is almost opposite to the Scadbury Park (Old Perry St) Car Park
- Leave the pub, turn right and walk about 100yds. to the park car park entrance
- Walk through to the end of the car park, then turn left onto a track through woods until reaching a large steel kissing gate leading onto a tarmac drive. Go straight across the drive and through another large steel kissing gate and turn right
- Follow this path straight ahead through the park, via a number a number of steps until reaching the junction with the LOOP. Now go straight ahead, following the LOOP signage

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](mailto:walking@bromley.camra.org.uk)

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