

# Bromley Pub Walk No. 30

## Scadbury Park to Chislehurst Station

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

*Please read the Bromley Pub Walks introductory notes for explanation about information provided in these walking guides*

Approx. Distance:	3.5 miles
Approx. Time:	1.5 to 1.75 hours
Gradients:	No significant steep gradients, but includes some steps
Type(s) of path(s):	Mostly gravel or woodland paths, wooden boardwalks, some tarmac. Some sections may be muddy after prolonged periods of wet weather
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chislehurst, Scadbury Park: TQ 453704</li> <li>Chislehurst Station: TQ 431694</li> </ul>
Maps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OS 1:25 000, No. 162</li> <li>Most of the route is covered by the TFL guide to the LOOP, including maps: <a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/loop-walk">https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/loop-walk</a></li> <li>Parts of the route are covered by the Bromley Council guides 'Scadbury Park' and 'Petts Wood'</li> </ul>
Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:	<p>From Scadbury Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no Bromley Pub Walks, however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LOOP continues from Scadbury Park to Bexley and Erith</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>From Chislehurst Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p><i>Continues...</i></p>



The William Willett Memorial

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Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks <i>continued:</i>	<p>This route shares some of the same paths as the following routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 22, Petts Wood Station to Chislehurst</li> <li>▪ 23, Petts Wood Station to Scadbury Park</li> </ul>
Pubs:	<p>Scadbury Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Sydney Arms</a>, Old Perry Street, Chislehurst. BR7 6PL</li> </ul> <p>Chislehurst Station (<i>and nearby</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Bickley</a>, Chislehurst Road, Chislehurst. BR7 5NP</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Imperial Arms</a>, Old Hill, Chislehurst. BR7 5LZ</li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Ramblers Rest</a>, Mill Place, Chislehurst. BR7 5ND</li> </ul>
Public Transport:	<p>Scadbury Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 269, Bromley North to Bexleyheath via Sidcup</li> <li>▪ 160, Catford Bridge to Sidcup via Eltham</li> </ul> <p>Chislehurst Station (Zone 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Southeastern, Charing Cross/London Bridge to Sevenoaks via Grove Park and Orpington</li> <li>▪ 162, Beckenham Junc. to Eltham Stn. via Bromley</li> <li>▪ 269, Bromley North to Bexleyheath via Sidcup</li> </ul>
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>This route includes an optional detour to give you the chance to visit two Chislehurst pubs which are not directly on any of the walking routes.</p> <p>The remainder of the route is almost entirely within Hawkwood (National Trust), Scadbury Park Nature Reserve and Chislehurst Common.</p> <p>You can take a short detour into Petts Wood to see the memorial to William Willett, the campaigner for daylight saving time. The inscription on the memorial is "<i>horas non numero nisi aestivas</i>". A possible translation of this is "<i>I don't count hours unless (they are) summer (hours)</i>". Any scholars of Latin who are reading this are very welcome to submit improvements on this translation.</p> <p>Most of Petts Wood was saved from development in the 1930s by public subscription, and was donated to the National Trust, dedicated to the memory of William Willett. The remainder of the wood was bought by Colonel Francis Edlmann, owner of Hawkwood. This land, plus the Hawkwood Estate were subsequently donated to the National Trust in 1957. There is still a working farm on the Hawkwood Estate.</p> <p>For more about Petts Wood and Hawkwood see: <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petts-wood-and-hawkwood">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petts-wood-and-hawkwood</a></p> <p><i>Continues...</i></p>	



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- Scadbury Park is now managed as a nature reserve by Bromley Council. The park covers more than 300 acres, much of it is grassland and woods
- At one time Scadbury 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 - 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:

There are numerous paths within Scadbury Park, the Common and Hawkwood Estate; we have opted for a route which passes the Moated Manor House in Scadbury Park, follows the LOOP as far as the Willett Memorial and then takes the most direct route through Hawkwood to Chislehurst Station. Other options are available.

### (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 50 yards to the car park entrance to the park
- Walk through to the far end of the car park, go through a kissing gate, and then turn left onto a track through the woods until reaching a large steel kissing gate leading onto a tarmac drive. Go straight across the drive and through a second steel kissing gate and then turn right
- Follow this path straight ahead into the park, then almost immediately take a right fork and carry on down into grassland. The path then climbs via a number of steps until reaching the junction with the LOOP. At this junction go straight ahead following the LOOP signage
- The LOOP route now follows a zig-zag course passing the remains of the medieval moated manor house
- The path continues through woods until it eventually meets the (busy) A208, St Pauls Cray Rd. Cross with care, and continue to follow the LOOP signs through the woods of Chislehurst Common and on to the boundary with Petts Wood
- Approx. 50 yds. before reaching the National Trust boundary sign, you can:
  - Turn left to take a short detour to see the William Willett memorial. There is no signage to direct you to it, but it's located at TQ 450691
  - Go straight ahead through Petts Wood to take you to Petts Wood Station, via Route 23
  - Turn **right** to continue this route to Chislehurst Station
- The path to Chislehurst Station takes a winding course for a short distance until reaching open farmland and the National Trust boundary sign for Hawkwood.
- *(Note that from here until reaching Botany Bay Lane, the footpath and a bridleway run (mostly) adjacent*
- The path descends until reaching a pond, where the path becomes a boardwalk. NB, this can be slippery in wet conditions



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- Continue to follow the path as it winds around the pond then climbs up through woodland, eventually opening out, with school fields on the right and farmland on the left
- The path eventually joins a gravel bridleway called Botany Bay Lane. (*This is the intersection with Route 22, Petts Wood Station to Chislehurst*), Turn left onto the lane, then after about 100 yards take the path on the right, which runs adjacent to an open field, with views looking southwards
- Follow this path downhill with woodland on the left and a meadow on the right (note the spire of St George's church at Bickley in the distance) until reaching Gosshill Rd, crossing the Kyd Brook (or Quaggy River). Alternatively, you can take a short optional detour to the left through Pond Wood (see the OS or National Trust maps).
- When you reach Gosshill Rd. turn right, and continue to follow this road until you reach the A222, just before the station
- Cross the A222 via the footbridge, which takes you directly onto the station approach

There are 3 pubs in the vicinity of Chislehurst Station. See below for directions

## (Starting at Chislehurst Station)

- See below about the 3 pubs in the vicinity of Chislehurst Station
- To go directly to the walk, turn right when leaving the station and go down the station approach. Cross the A222 via the footbridge and take Gosshill Road, which runs adjacent and parallel to the railway
- Turn left just before a steel barrier blocks the road and take the path signed to 'Chislehurst Common'

## **Visiting the three pubs near Chislehurst Station**

The Bickley is at the far end of the station approach, the Ramblers Rest and the Imperial Arms are up the hill towards Chislehurst. If you wish you can visit all three via a circular route; a clockwise route is described here:

- Turn left upon leaving the station and go down the station approach. The [Bickley](#) is on the corner of the approach and Old Hill. Continue up Old Hill until reaching the [Imperial Arms](#) on the right
- Turn right into the narrow Mill Place and walk up until after the final house on the left hand side, you will see the [Ramblers Rest](#) up a tarmac path on your left
- From the Ramblers Rest, walk up to the main road (Summer Hill), turn right and walk down the hill until reaching the station approach

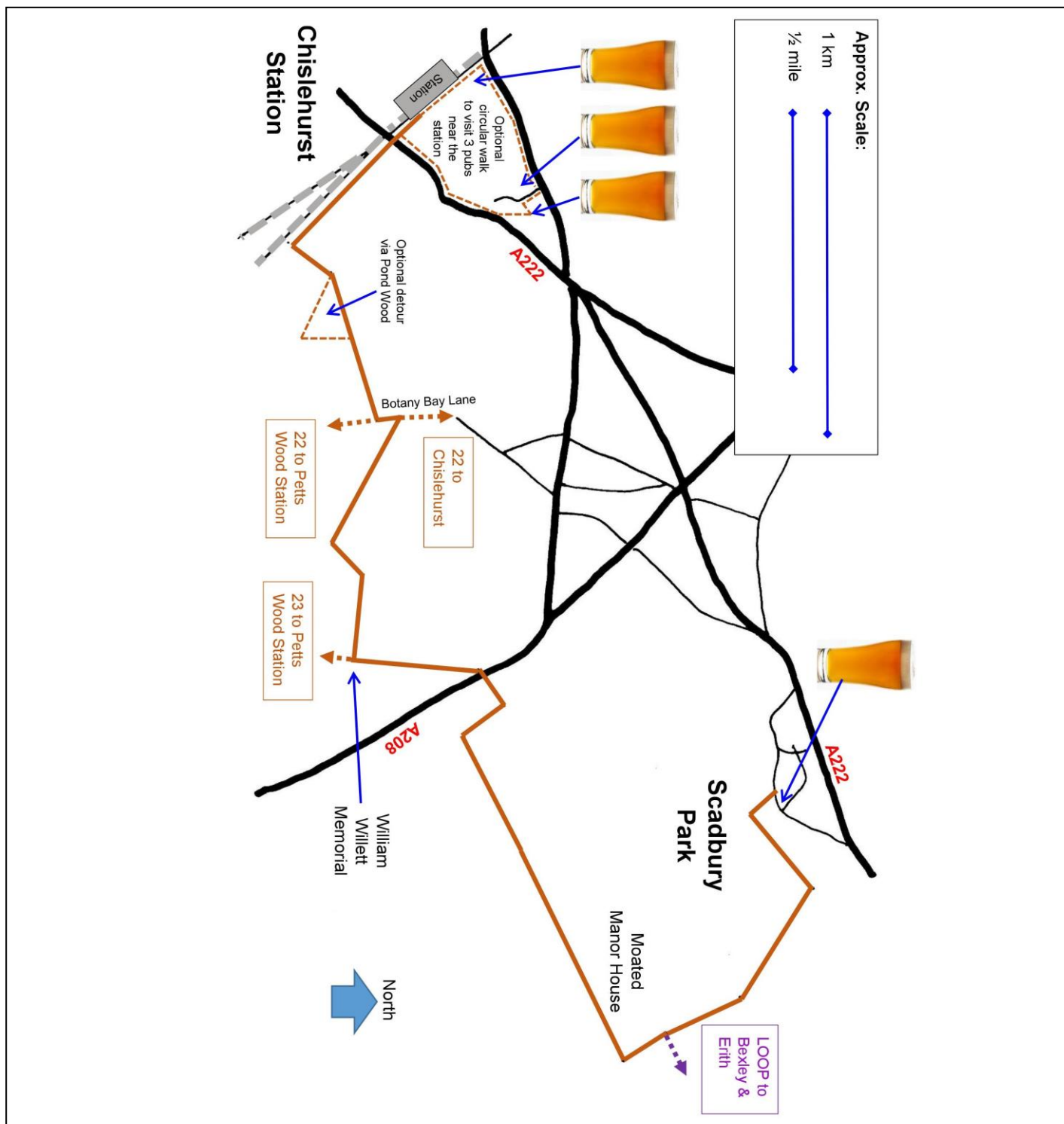
## **A possible alternative circular route from Chislehurst Station to visit six pubs**

By using a combination of sections of Routes 22 and 30 it is possible to link the following six pubs in a circular walk. The directions below are for a walk going in an anticlockwise direction:

- To take this route, turn right when leaving the station and follow Route 30 via the footbridge and Gosshill Road, until it intersects with Route 22 on Botany Bay Lane, then take Route 22 until reaching the [Tiger's Head](#)
- After the [Bull's Head Hotel](#) and [Crown Inn](#) take Watts Lane to the junction with Bromley Rd (A222) (Note that this is a very difficult junction due the number of roads intersecting and the volume of traffic)
- The [Ramblers Rest](#) faces the common just down the hill beyond this junction and the Imperial Arms is just round the corner from the Ramblers Rest, in Old Hill
- After the [Imperial Arms](#) continue down Old Hill, until you reach the [Bickley](#), which is on the corner of the Station Approach



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## Sketch Map of Route 30

### Temporary Map.

It is hoped to improve the maps for all the Bromley Pub Walk routes



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