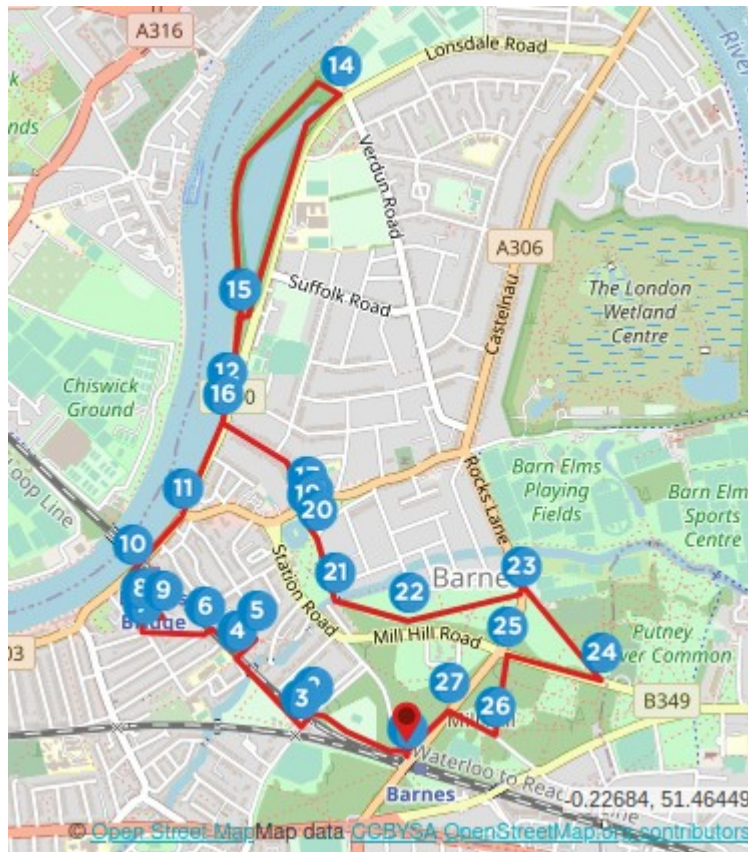


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This walk has as its focal point the Leg o' Mutton Nature Reserve (Formally Leg o' Mutton" reservoir). The walk uses some of the intriguing network of paved footpaths lined with small terraced houses and cottages, which is characteristic of this part of Barnes and Mortlake. Next the Flood Wall Walkway provides excellent river views and leads on to the towpath. The return via pond, green and Mill Hill gives a taste of the village aspect of Barnes, also of the rural scenery of the Common.



Buses: 33, 72, 265, 969 to Barnes Station.

Car Parking: There is a very small car park in Station Road, and small car park by old cemetery, reached by drive beside Rocks Lane sports Ground (north of station). Start walk from here (point 23).

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[1] From Barnes Station old booking-hall entrance (next to the London bound platform) turn left (signed Barnes Pond) along a tarmac track with a small blue shared cycle/pedestrian sign. On your right you will see a grassed area used as a cricket pitch. The railway line is on your left. (Behind the undergrowth is the blocked-up archway of the tunnel through which cows to be pastured on the Common were led).

[2] Where the path forks, turn left into Vine Road to cross the first level crossing only

[3] Turn right into the recreation ground. Take the right-hand path which leaves through a gate at the far end. This crosses Beverley Brook and brings you to Railwayside (Idle Hour pub a few metres on the left).

[4] Turn right under the railway arch.

[5] Turn left along Beverley Path at the next path junction and pass a pleasant row of small cottages. Then pass under two more arches.

[6] When you come out into Archway Street, turn right down the second alleyway, Thorne Passage.

[7] At the next roadway, turn right into church grounds. Take path to the left of St Michael and All Angels church into Elm Bank Gardens.

[8] In Elm Bank Gardens, turn right again

[9] At the wide T-junction, turn left to the river.

[10] At the T-junction turn right underneath Barnes Bridge and along The Terrace, noting the variety of 18th and early 19th century houses.

[11] Just before the roundabout, use the zebra crossing to cross to the riverside and turn right with the Thames flood wall on your left.

[12] Where the concrete walkway ends, continue on the right-hand path ahead through a small public green space called Small Profit Dock Gardens.

[13] Where the green space ends at some railings, take the first entrance through the railings and turn left. You should have the Thames on your left, the ex-reservoir on your right.

[14] Where the path curves round to the right, take the right fork in the path to continue round the ex-reservoir.

[15] When the path curves round to the right again passing steps down to the left, continue round and go through the exit metal gate ahead (where you entered) and turn left. Go back through the green space.

[16] Go up the concrete ramp and then take the first left into Nassau Road. There is a gap in the railings here to cross the road.

[17] On coming to the next T junction, Church Road, cross over down the drive.

[18] Turn right before the building.

[19] Then take the second turn left taking the path down the side of the pond on your right. The building on your left is now Barnes Green centre for the over 50s. This used to be the village school.

[20] Beyond the pond continue in the same direction along the road by the side of Barnes Green. Then continue along the path.

[21] On crossing the footbridge over Beverley Brook, take the broad tarmac path half left.

[22] Then take the next turn left, and continue on the broad tarmac path to the road (Rocks Lane).

[23] Cross this road and continue ahead along the avenue by the side of the sports centre, past the small car park in front of Barnes old cemetery, continuing along the tarmac path to the old gate house on Mill Hill Road which marks the boundary between Barnes and Putney.

[24] On hitting the road, turn right along the pavement.

[25] Just before the traffic lights, turns left down Common Road.

[26] Just before the road bends leftwards, turn right down a path with lamp standards along it.

[27] Follow this to Rocks Lane, cross over and take Station Road (slip road) back to Barnes Station.

Note: Much of the walk is suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. The path around the former Reservoir (points 13-15) is compacted earth is only passable by wheelchair in dry weather. Also points 26-27 is a earth path. To avoid this miss turn 25, but left turn instead at traffic light and this takes you to point 27.

Map by Margaret Bunce not updated new text.

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