Brompton Cemetery walk

A Victorian "Magnificent 7" parkland cemetery in Chelsea



Start / Finish	West Brompton underground station
Length	1.25 miles / 2 km.
Time	1 hour 30 minutes
Travel	West Brompton is on the District Line, and West London Line, in Travelcard Zone 2. Free parking on Sunday (not match days)
Walk Notes	West Brompton Cemetery is one of the "Magnificent 7" Victorian parkland cemeteries around London. It is Chelsea, between Earls Court and the King's Road. There is a beautiful chapel, and circular colanade of Bath Stone. The main walkways are maintained, but manys of the graves are ivy covered and overgrown. The catacombs are only open on the cemetery's annual open day. It has more of the air of a park than the other Victorian cemeteries. It is managed by Royal Parks.
	This walk heads down its central avenue, past the most showy mausoleums, to the circular colonade, and chapel. The return is a 'S' shape past some of the more interesting mausoleums.
	There are tours on Sundays at 2pm (£6, only 2/month in Winter, see 'friends' website), but its as nice to just wander around. It really is a hidden oasis in the middle of Chelsea - used by joggers, dog walkers, and people

just taking a short cut - its next to the football ground.

The cemetery closes as early as 4pm from the end of summer time to the end of January, and as late as 8pm from the start of summertime to the end of August. Check the Royal Parks website for details.

For a picnic, there is a Tesco Express opposite the south entrance to the cemetery

- Friends of Brompton Cemetery
- Royal Parks Brompton Cemetery

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Walk Directions

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- 1. Turn right out of the station, and 100m, turn right into the grand cemetery entrance.
- 2. Walk down the main avenue. Continue to the chapel at the far end. (Bear left for the south exit, and a Tesco Metro for picnics)
- 3. Turn left, walk to the cemetery wall, and walk back along the left hand path (from the 'going out' perspective)
- 4. At the 'lion', cross to the right hand path on the other side of the cemetery.
- 5. Leave the cemetery by the gate you entered. Just past the tube station is the suggested pub.

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