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## Thames Path - Greenwich to Woolwich

**Start:** Greenwich Station

**Finish:** Woolwich Arsenal Station

**Length:** 11.0 km/6.8 mi

**Time:** 2 ½ hours

**Transport:** Greenwich Station is in Zone 2 and served by Main Line Services on the North Kent Line from Charing Cross and Cannon Street to the Medway area (journey time from London Bridge: 8-9 minutes) and also by the DLR from the City to Lewisham (journey time from Bank: 20 minutes). Woolwich Arsenal Station is in Zone 4 and further east along the same Main Lines as Greenwich (journey time to London Bridge: from 21 minutes) and also the terminal of another arm of the DLR, with services from/to either Bank or Stratford International (both via City Airport and Canning Town). Woolwich will also be a stop on Crossrail, on the south easterly arm to Abbey Wood (journey time to Liverpool Street will be 17 minutes).

### Walk Notes:

Follow quiet lanes from Greenwich Station to the Thames by the Cutty Sark and turn right downstream along this extremely fascinating stretch of London's main river along Maritime Greenwich and around the rapidly changing Greenwich Peninsula with the O2-Dome and the 'Emirates Air Line' cable car as well as its views across the river to Canary Wharf, the Mouth of the River Lea and the Royal Victoria Dock, before walking past Charlton and the Thames Barrier, with Silvertown and its Tate & Lyle Sugar Refinery opposite, and on to the finish at the former Royal Arsenal site in Woolwich.

You pass reminders of Britain's great maritime past, many historic pubs, the imposing Greenwich Power Station, some new housing developments as well as some long-established industrial sites (including some spectacular Aggregates Businesses), some large outdoor artworks, an Ecology Park, Woolwich Dockyard and the refurbished Royal Arsenal site with its mixture of historic buildings, new and old housing, food & drink establishments and an Arts Centre (in development).

Ways to shorten or (slightly) lengthen the route are described.

### Walk Options:

**Alternative Starts** are possible from various points along the route (from 680m to 7.1 km into the walk). For details see the start of the Main Walk Directions.

### Finish at North Greenwich Underground by leaving the route:

- either at the north westerly tip of the Greenwich Peninsula, 4.0 km into the walk;
- or at the easterly side of the Greenwich Peninsula, 4.9 km into the walk.

**Use the Cross-Peninsula Shortcut** (cut 1.1 km).

**Add a short loop** through and/or around **Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park**.

**Finish at Charlton Station**, 830m off route, after 7.1 km of the walk.

### Refreshments en route:

**The Gipsy Moth** 60 Greenwich Church Street, Greenwich, London SE10 9BL (020 8858 0786, <https://www.thegipsymothgreenwich.co.uk/>). Located 800m into the walk. Open all day every day.

**The Trafalgar Tavern** Park Row, Greenwich, London SE10 9NW (020 3887 9886, <http://www.trafalgartavern.co.uk/>). Located 1.4 km into the walk. Open all day every day.

**The Yacht** 5 Crane Street, Greenwich, London SE10 9NP (020 8858 0175, <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/greater-london/yacht/>). Located 1.4 km into the walk. Open all day every day.

**Midpoint Restaurant** 3 Anchor Iron Wharf, Ballast Quay, Greenwich, London SE10 9GL (020 8293 0377, <https://www.midpointrestaurant.co.uk/>). Located 1.7 km into the walk. Open all day every day.

**The Cutty Sark** 4-6 Ballast Quay, Greenwich, London SE10 9PD (020 8858 3146, <https://www.cuttysarkse10.co.uk/>). Located 1.8 km into the walk. Open all day every day.

**The Pelton Arms** 23-25 Pelton Road, Greenwich, London SE10 9PQ (020 8858 0572, <https://www.peltonarms.com/>). Located 1.9 km into the walk. Open from noon Tue-Sun (from 15.00 Mon).

**River Gardens Café** Unit 2, 20 River Gardens Walk, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0FZ (020 8858 0369). Located 1.9 km/1.2 mi into the walk. Open to 18.00 every day.

**Enderby House** Enderby House, Greenwich Peninsula. Located 2.3 km into the walk. Not yet open.

**Ardoa** Unit 2, 16 Cutter Lane, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0XW (020 3745 1384, <https://www.ardoabyvinothecompass.com/>). Located 5.0 km into the walk. Open all day Tue-Sat and 10.00-19.00 Sun. Food served 18.00-21.30 Tue-Fri, 12.00-22.00 Sat and 12.00-17.00 Sun.

**The Market Table** 12-14 Cutter Lane, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0XW (020 3330 8205, <https://markettablenewlondon.com/>). Located 5.0 km into the walk. Open all day every day (Sun to 18.00).

**HEJ Coffee** The Jetty, Olympian Way, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0JF (020 3579 4663, <https://www.hejcoffee.co.uk/locations/the-jetty-cafe/>). Located 5.6 km into the walk. Open 10.00-16.00 Thu-Sun.

**The Anchor & Hope** Riverside, Charlton, London SE7 7SS (020 8858 0382, <http://anchorandhope.co.uk/>). Located 7.0 km into the walk. Open all day every day.

**The Thames Barrier View Café** Thames Barrier Information Centre, Woolwich, London SE18 5NJ (020 8305 4188). Located 8.0 km into the walk. Open Thu-Sun 11.00-15.30.

**The Chef House Kitchen** 19 Bowater Road, Woolwich, London SE18 5TF (020 8331 0660, <https://the-chef-house-kitchen.business.site/>). Located 8.2 km into the walk. Open Mon-Fri 07.00-15.00 (-14.30 Fri).

**Riverside Café** Trinity Wharf, Mellish Industrial Estate, Harrington Way, Woolwich (<https://www.thames-sidestudios.co.uk/about/facilities/cafes>). Located 8.4 km into the walk. Food served Mon-Fri 10.00-19.00.

**Arts Café** Trinity Wharf, Mellish Industrial Estate, Harrington Way, Woolwich (<https://www.thames-sidestudios.co.uk/about/facilities/cafes>). Located 8.5 km into the walk. Open Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00.

### Refreshments on the Cross-Peninsula Shortcut:

**The Pilot Inn** 68 River Way, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0BE (020 8858 5910, <https://www.pilotgreenwich.co.uk/>). Open all day every day.

**Eat Fan** 44 Chandlers Avenue, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0GE (<https://eatfan.co.uk/>). Pan-Asian Cuisine. Closed Mon and 15.30-17.30 Tue-Fri.

### Refreshments near to and at the end of the walk:

**Con Gusto** 54 No 1 Street, Royal Arsenal Riverside, Woolwich, London SE18 6ST (020 8465 7452, <http://www.congusto.co.uk/>). Open Tue-Sun 18.00-21.30.

**The Dial Arch** No 1 Street, The Warren, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, London SE18 6GH (020 3130 0700, <https://www.dialarch.com/>). Open all day every day. Food served all day every day.

**Boulangerie Jade** 9 Major Draper Street, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, London SE18 6GD (020 8316 4361, <http://www.boulangeriejade.com/locations>). Open to 18.00 Mon-Sat and to 17.00 Sun.

**The Guard House** No 1 Street, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, London SE18 6GH (020 3437 0900, <https://www.theguardhousewoolwich.co.uk/>). Open all day every day. Food served all day every day.

**The Coffee Lounge** Equitable House, 29 Green's End, Woolwich, London SE18 6AB (020 8836 9075, <https://www.coffeeloungewoolwich.co.uk/>). Open to 18.00 every day.

**The Woolwich Equitable** Equitable House, General Gordon Square, Woolwich, London SE18 6AB (020 8309 8126, <https://woolwichequitable.com/>). Open from 16.00 weekdays, all day weekends.

## WALK DIRECTIONS

### Alternative Start Points:

**Start from Cutty Sark DLR**, 680m into the walk: from the station exit, *turn left* along a pedestrianised passage and pick up the directions at the single asterisk \*).

**Start from Greenwich Pier**, 990m into the walk: from the pier exit, *turn left* along the River Thames and pick up the directions at the double asterisk \*\*).

**Start from North Greenwich Station and join the route at the north westerly tip** of the Greenwich Peninsula, 4.0 km into the walk: *turn right* at the top of the escalators in the station and leave it through a passage, signed 'Taxi Rank'. In 70m *turn left* through the glass walled bus station and cross the bus lane. 40m cross Millennium Way at a roundabout and continue along Waterview Drive, to the left of the O2-Dome and then a hotel. At the end of the road follow a tarmac path to a slipway by the River Thames and *turn right* along the Thames Path. Pick up the directions just after the triple asterisk \*\*\*).

**Start from North Greenwich Station and join the route at the easterly side** of the Greenwich Peninsula, 4.9 km into the walk: leave the station in the direction opposite the bus station, signed 'North Greenwich Pier' and 'Emirates Air Line' and follow a canopied walkway and in 80m where it turns left towards the Dome, continue in the same direction across a plaza towards the raised ornamental walkway The Tide and go underneath and past it to in 200m reach the River Thames. *Turn right* along the Thames Path and pick up the directions at the quadruple asterisk \*\*\*\*).

**Start at Charlton Station**, 830m off route and then 7.1 km into the walk: from the station turn downhill in a northerly direction, in 130m crossing Woolwich Way, in another 250m continuing in the same direction along Anchor & Hope Lane where Bugsby's Way turns left and in 400m – upon reaching the River Thames, *turn right* along the Thames Path and pick up the directions below at the sextuple asterisk \*\*\*\*\*)).

### Arriving at Greenwich Station:

- **Off a main line train** from Central London **on Platform 1**, leave the platform **[!]** at the rear end **[!]** down to the left (in the direction of travel) via a ramp and then some steps, i.e. **[!]** not via the subway to the main station building.
- **But if you have indeed left Platform 1 via the subway to the main station building:** *turn right* along the station building and follow the forecourt pavement around to the left around a hotel (Novotel), in 40m *turn right* along Greenwich High Road, in 100m *turn right* down Waller Way before another hotel (Travelodge), with Davy's Wine Vaults on the right, in 75m go through a subway by the **DLR Station** and in 50m – on the far side – reach the bottom of some steps on the right.
- **Off the DLR**, direction Lewisham: arrive **on Platform 4**, go down some steps and *turn left* back on yourself through a subway and in 50m – on the far side – reach the bottom of some steps on the right.
- **Off the DLR**, direction Canary Wharf: arrive **on Platform 3**, **do not** walk down the adjacent main line platform 2, **but** go down steps and *turn right* through a subway and on the far side reach the bottom of steps on the right.

At the bottom of the ramp and steps, on the northerly station forecourt, with the subway leading to the entrance to Greenwich DLR Station on your left, you *turn hard right* parallel to the railway tracks, with some new housing developments on the left beyond a grassy area. In 70m continue in the same direction along a shared cycle and footpath and in 30m continue along a pavement of **Straightsmouth** (a residential road). In 60m *bear to the left* with the road, now with a church tower visible ahead. In 160m at a four-way junction, continue in the same direction along **Churchfields**, leaving the right bearing Straightsmouth (which is not so straight after all...). In 50m cross Roan Street and continue in the same direction along the narrow, paved **St. Alfege Passage**.

In 45m *turn left* through some wrought iron gates into **St. Alfege Park** and follow a tarmac path ahead. *[If the churchyard is locked: continue along the passage to a main road, turn left along it and in 90m turn left again at the junction with Creek Road. In 50m turn right to cross the road and turn down a narrow passageway and pick up the text in the last sentence of this paragraph.]* In 40m *turn right* along a tarmac path and

in another 40m go through some metal barriers and a metal gate onto **Bardsley Lane** and *turn right* along it and in 25m *turn left* with it to a main road. In 25m cross the very busy **Creek Road** carefully and continue in the same direction down a pedestrianised passage, in 15m passing the entrance to **Cutty Sark DLR Station**.

**\*)** In 50m *turn left* along a road towards the **Cutty Sark** and in 50m continue in the same direction along a large pedestrianised area, passing **The Gipsy Moth** pub on the right, towards the **Thames River** 120m away by the entrance to the **Greenwich Foot Tunnel**. At a bend in the river and with the **Isle of Dogs** and **Canary Wharf's** higher buildings opposite, you *turn right* along the river, following the **Thames Path (TP)** Long Distance Path and in 40m pass either side of a row of food and drink outlets at **Greenwich Pier** (served by Thames Clippers, Thames River Services, City Cruises).

**\*\*)** In 100m at the end of the pier building the path *turns right then left* and continues with the water on the left and the fenced **University of Greenwich** (in the buildings of **The Old Naval College**) on the right. In 120m, by the riverside entrance gate (or 'Water Gate') to the University you get fine views of **Greenwich Park** up to **Greenwich Observatory**. You also get first views ahead along the river of the disused **Gas Holder** on the Greenwich Peninsula as well as of the **Millennium Dome**. In 130m by **The Trafalgar Tavern**, the TP turns right and in 30m left again to bypass the riverfront pub down an alleyway (**Crane Street**), in 40m passing **The Yacht** (riverside dining), then **The Globe** rowing club. In 100m you have the river again on the left and **Greenwich Power Station** ahead (these days just a Standby-Power Station, being required during demand peaks or supply troughs).

In 40m pass some historic **High Tide marks** in the wall on the left, just opposite **Trinity Hospital** (early 17<sup>th</sup> century almshouses rebuilt in Gothic style in 1812). In 60m you go under the power station's steel jetty and in 40m continue along the river, signposted '**Thames Barrier 3 ¾**', ignoring the right turning **Thames Cycle Route**. On the right you have the **Midpoint Restaurant**. In 70m pass **The Cutty Sark** pub on the right and in 60m the former **Harbour Master's Office** on **Ballast Quay** (road). In 25m continue in the same direction along a shared cycle and footpath where the road turns to the right as **Pelton Road** (**The Pelton Arms** is down this road at the next street corner) and gently rise to continue in 40m along an elevated path with fine views on the left across The Thames to the skylines of Canary Wharf and the City of London.

In 60m you pass the **River Gardens Café** and in 300m you have the fenced **Enderby's Wharf** on the left and on the right – where the housing development ends – the '**Lay Lines**' sculpture (Bobby Lloyd), sponsored by the housing developer as condition of the Planning Consent, as was the refurbishment of the historical **Enderby House** (which is going to be the **Enderby House** pub once fully fitted out). In 350m *turn left* and in 30m *turn right* with the TP around the buildings of **Morden Wharf**, now with **Canary Wharf** half left ahead across the Thames and with all of Greenwich's river facing buildings forming a **fine panorama in your back**. In 130m a long jetty on the left provides a **very fine vantage viewing point** out in the river and you continue in the same direction along the TP, which in 50m turns right, soon continuing between fences with industrial sites on either side.

**In 80m at a signposted three-way junction with the gas holder ahead, you have a choice:**

**For a shortcut**, continue in the same direction along the fenced path along the **Cross-Peninsula Route** of the TP (signed 'Phoenix Wharf ½, **Thames Barrier 2**') and pick up the directions at the end of this text under **Shortcut**.

**For the Main Walk**, *turn left* between metal bar fences, signposted 'North Greenwich Station, Dome via riverside, **Thames Barrier 3 ¼**'. In 100m *turn left* with the path and in 120m *turn right*, again with the Thames on the left. On the right you have Hanson's **Victoria Deep Water Terminal** [Heidelberg Cement Group, currently being developed into a concrete tunnel segment manufacturing facility and open storage of aggregates needed for concrete production and the resulting tunnel elements for the Thames Tideway Tunnel, the Silvertown Tunnel and Crossrail II].

In 230m *turn right* with the path and in 20m *turn left* with it, now with the **Greenwich Peninsula Golf Range** on the right (i.e. ignore the TP signpost pointing away from the river, which seems to be a malicious mislead). In 100m pass a confused and confusing multi-directional TP signpost, with the TP apparently going in four different directions: ignore! In 135m continue in the same direction by the end of the golf range on the right past another fenced site on the right, in 140m passing a new black-clad building (the 'Magazine London' event space). On the other side of the Thames you find the large, historic **West India Dock** entrance. In another 150m the path turns to the right and then the left around a slipway, with the first (or last, depending on where you start) artwork on **London's first dedicated Art Trail, The Line** (SWC Short Walk 21) away on the right beyond the black building (A Bullet from a Shooting Star – Alex Chinneck).

**Here you have a choice:**

**For an early finish at North Greenwich Underground Station**, *turn right* along a tarmac path to the left of **Drawdock Road**. The path continues as a road (**Waterview Drive**) and at a large roundabout by the O2-Dome on the left, you cross **Millennium Way** and enter the bus station at North Greenwich Underground Station.

\*\*\*) **For the continuation of the walk**, *turn left* after the slipway and in 80m *turn right* and follow the TP around the **Intercontinental London - The O2** hotel. [In 60m you pass an airshaft of the **Blackwall Tunnel** on the right. On the next stretch, which curves slowly to the right around **Blackwall Point** – the top of the Greenwich Peninsula, soon with **The Millennium Dome** on the right, you pass several more sculptures of The Line: in 30m 'Here – Thomson & Craighead' (right on the **Greenwich Meridian**); in 150m 'A Slice of Reality – Richard Wilson' (across the river you have **Blackwall Yard**); in 200m you get first views of the 'Emirates Air Line' cable car; across the river is **Good Luck Hope**, a new residential development by the **Mouth of the River Lea**; in 200m you pass 'Liberty Grip – Gary Hume'.

Up ahead along the Thames you get views beyond the 'Emirates Air Line' and Charlton and Woolwich to **Shooter's Hill**, dominating the views in this part of London [SWC Short Walk 44 – Oxleas Wood and Shooter's Hill (Falconwood Circular)]. In 150m you leave the Dome behind at the end of its blue metal bar fence, as the recent residential developments on the Peninsula line up along the riverside. In 25m the path bears to the right and in 15m it turns left again to continue as a broad paved path, with some landscaped garden elements to the left and right, as well as the gently rising ornamental pathway **The Tide** on the right. Nearby on the right are **Ardoa** (Basque Cuisine) and **The Market Table**, the first of many restaurants between here and **North Greenwich Underground Station** 350m away, as well as inside the Dome, and also some of the outdoor sculptures on display as part of the residential development.

**Here you have a choice:**

**For a refreshment break and/or an early finish at North Greenwich Underground Station**, *turn right* here and in 100m go down some steps and cross a road. In another 100m you reach a large plaza with the Dome away on the right and continue across it to pick up a canopied walkway leading to the Underground Station.

\*\*\*\*) For the continuation of the walk, continue along the river, soon passing **North Greenwich Pier** with a **Damian Hirst** artwork on it. In 80m you pass **Antony Gormley's 'Quantum Cloud'** (1999; at 30m high, it is his tallest sculpture) and in 100m walk under the cable car. In 220m *veer to the right* of some grassy plant beds and cross the cycle path and in 100m pass a jetty on the left with a **Damian Hirst** artwork on it (Hydra & Kali, 2016) as well as **HEJ Coffee** in one of the greenhouses on the jetty, then **Seafood Disco**, a community picnic and barbecue bench.

\*\*\*\*\*) In 110m you pass the **Olympian Way Play Area**. Away on the left downstream, the **Thames Barrier** becomes visible with a row of white high rises beyond it in **West Thamesmead** and in 180m, by a road on the right, the footpath crosses over to the left of the cycle-path. In 100m find a **polar sundial** on the left, just before the entrance to the **Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park** on the right.

### Here you have a choice:

**For a choice of very short extensions** through and/or around the Ecology Park (Autumn/Winter Opening Times: closed Mon/Tue, else 10.00-dusk), *turn right* and

- enter the visitor centre, pick up a map and follow any route through the centre's diverse wetland habitats and pick up the directions in the next paragraph;
- and/or walk through a wooden gate to the right of the visitor centre (signed 'This Route is a Permissive Footpath') and walk along a two-railed boardwalk through one of the lakes of the centre. In 130m pass a viewing platform on the right and in 10m an info panel on the left ('Alder Carr'). In 30m leave the site through a wooden gate and *turn left* along a wide tarmac path, signed 'Greenwich Yacht Club'. The path follows the edge of the Ecology Park and in 80m you *bear left* with the fence on the left. In 120m at the Yacht Club, *turn right* along a cycle – and footpath around the club and in 150m continue along the river again, signed 'Anchor and Hope Lane ½ m, Thames Barrier 1 ¼ m'. Pick up the directions a few lines below: "You now have **Angerstein Wharf**, ...".

**For the Main Walk**, continue in the same direction and in 150m by an info panel on the Thames Path, *turn right* with the path around the fenced **Greenwich Yacht Club** and in 200m continue along the river again, signed 'Anchor and Hope Lane ½ m, Thames Barrier 1 ¼ m'. You now have **Angerstein Wharf**, the first of two Marine Aggregates businesses' wharves, on the right behind a high wall (between them, they supply 20% of the UK's sand and gravel needs). In 130m pass the first jetty reaching out into the shipping lane and 25m further *turn right* with the path around an inlet and in 60m *turn left* again. You continue between parts of **Murphy's Wharf** (Europe's largest sea-dredged aggregates terminal) and under its conveyor-belt jetty and in 200m ignore a right turning road, while passing some industrial sheds on the left. In 300m you pass **The Anchor & Hope** pub. In 30m **Anchor & Hope Lane** turns to the right.

### Here you have a choice:

**For a Finish at Charlton Station**, *turn right* along the road, signed 'Charlton Station via Woolwich Road ½ m', in 400m – where **Bugsby's Way** joins from the right – continue in the same direction and in 250m cross Woolwich Road. The station is a further 130m uphill.

\*\*\*\*\*) **For the Main Walk**, continue in the same direction along the river and in 270m walk under another conveyor-belt jetty of yet another aggregates business. In another 270m **at the Thames Barrier**, ignore the right turning **Cycleway Q14** and continue in the same direction to the concrete base of the barrier and *turn left* with a TP marker up some steps and then down to a tunnel under the gangway which links the

landside building to the first of the eight barrier elements, leading to the continuation of the riverside footpath on the other side of the barrier in a semi-open gallery. A mural on the wall shows the scale profile of the Thames **from its Head to its Sea Reach**.

[**Should that tunnel be closed off** due to a danger of flooding: *turn right* along a paved path just before the cycle-path right turn, signposted 'Woolwich Road via Eastmoor Street ¼m', with a metal fence on the right. In 75m *turn left* with the path, now along a joint cycle and footpath, and cross a tarmac drive. In 60m continue in the same direction along a road on its left-hand pavement and in 135m cross a tarmac drive to a small car park and in another 10m you reach a crossing of the Green Chain Walk (GCW). The route joins from the left. Pick up below at 'Here you have a choice:'.]

Across the river you can see planes taking off from, or landing at **City Airport**. In 30m you reach the official end (or start, depending on walk direction) of the Thames Path and you *turn right* with the **Thames Path Extension** at an '**Interim Route via Woolwich Road**', **Green Chain Walk** (GCW) and Capital Ring signpost [This is one of three GCW start points along the Thames], ignoring the continuation of the riverside path towards the **Thames Barrier Visitor Centre** with its café **The Thames Barrier View**. You go up some steps to get over the seawall and down on the other side and continue in the same direction along a paved path between hedges. In 90m you cross the drive leading on the left to the Visitor Centre's car park.

### **Here you have a choice:**

**If the gate 35m away on the left is open** (leading into the Bowater Road Industrial Estate, 06.00-21.00 usually), *turn left* through the gate (with Cycleway Q14). En route you pass **The Chef House Kitchen** and in 350m leave the estate through another gate and *turn left* along **Warspite Road**.

**If the gate is shut**, follow the well-waymarked TP and GCW along a tarmac path up through a narrow two-part park to the busy **Woolwich Road** (the A206) and *turn left* along it. You pass Royal Greenwich Trust School, some bus stops and a Primary School and at a busy roundabout *turn left* along **Warspite Road** back towards the Thames. Ignore **Westfield Street** on the left in 40m and also **Bowater Road** in another 100m.

In 50m you pass the entrance to the **Mellish Industrial Estate** on the left along Harrington Way. In it in the first building on the right you find the recommended **Riverside Café** and the **Arts Café** (at the riverside back of the building), as well as some artists' studios and a gallery. You go up a gently ascending metal ramp – with views on the left of the **Royal Iris, a former Mersey Ferry**, listing in the water (for more background: <https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/heartbreaking-new-pictures-show-former-16934747>) – and in 70m *turn right* with the walkway, docked onto the seawall and hanging over the water, with **Tate & Lyle's Silvertown Sugar Refinery** opposite across the river. Ahead in view now are the **Woolwich Ferry** and **West Thamesmead's** higher buildings. In 110m the TP continues at pavement level with some houses on the right.

In 250m ignore a signposted right turn of the TP 'Interim Route via Woolwich Road' and in 75m go up some steps up and over an elaborate structure to cross the seawall and in 135m pass a **two-cannon gun battery** (see the info panel a little further along), which guards steps down to water level at what was **Woolwich Dockyard**. In 100m you pass a couple of derelict docks and in 75m a new housing development, before reaching the **Woolwich Ferry**. *Turn right* along the road leading to the ferry and use a pedestrian crossing to *turn left* across the road at a set of lights.

[**Temporary Diversion** (to mid-2021 at least) **from the first block of the housing development**: *turn right along a paved path this side of a water inlet and in 50m veer*

*a little to the left across a drive and up some steps to the dual carriageway A206 and turn left along it. You pass a bus stop in 60m and in another 120m turn left at a roundabout towards the ferry. In 50m turn right to cross the road at a set of lights.]*

Turn right briefly and turn left along a tarmac drive past **Woolwich Ambulance Station** and the Ferry's Office Building and continue with some TP signposts **to the left** of the **Waterfront Leisure Centre**, at the back of which (facing the river) in 50m you pass the entrance building of the **Woolwich Foot Tunnel**. At the far end of the leisure centre *turn right then left* to get around a slipway and continue in the previous direction along the river. You pass a new residential development (West Quay Royal Arsenal Riverside) and in 450m reach a plaza at the core of the historic **Royal Arsenal** site by the 'Assembly' steel sculpture (by Peter Burke) and with a **Thames Clipper Pier** and the **Con Gusto** restaurant on the left. [!] *Turn right* along the pedestrianised **No 1 Street** past some cannons and the **Gibraltar Gun** on the left. In 60m you pass the former site of the **Firepower: The Royal Artillery Museum** on the left (closed in 2016, may reopen in Wiltshire) and in 30m a large open courtyard with **The Royal Laboratory** and the (future site of) the **Woolwich Works Arts Centre**.

Continue across **Wellington Avenue** (also pedestrianised) up towards **The Royal Brass Foundry** building (1717) and in 80m pass the **Laboratory Pavilion East** Grade II listed building (built 1696, now residential) on the right. In 60m stay to the left of another cannon (a Saxon Demi Cannon from 1733) and pass **The Dial Arch** pub on **Dial Square** on the left in the former **Gun Machining Factory**. [In front of its entrance is a **memorial to Dial Square FC** (soon renamed as Royal Arsenal FC), founded hereabouts in 1886. In 1913 the club transferred to Highbury, North London and nowadays is primarily known for its underachieving men's team]. On a detour, at the far end of the pub building and a little around the corner to the left, you'll find the recommended **Boulangerie Jade**.

Continue in the previous direction to the right of a green, on the far side of which you can see the (boarded) entrance of **Woolwich's Crossrail Station** and pass **The Guard House** bar & restaurant in the former **Guard House** (built 1718). In 25m leave the Royal Arsenal site through a metal gate and cross the four lanes of the A206 **Beresford Street** at a set of lights. You continue in the same direction to the left of a toilet block across **Beresford Square** along its right-hand side and in 90m pass an entrance to **Woolwich Arsenal DLR Station**. In another 50m at the corner of the block on the left, by **The Coffee Lounge**, *turn left* and in 30m pass **The Woolwich Equitable**. In 30m cross **Woolwich New Road** to enter **Woolwich Arsenal Station** (Mainline and DLR).

### Shortcut (cut 1.1 km)

Follow the path between fences (metal bars on left, concrete slabs on right) to the **Blackwall Tunnel Approach Road** in 100m and *turn right* along its pavement. In 110m go up a ramp leading **up to a footbridge** and cross the road on it. On the other side at the bottom of the circular ramp, *turn left* along **Dreadnought Street** and in 20m *turn left* along **Boord Street**. In 140m cross the dual carriageway **Millennium Way** 20m away to the left and continue in the previous direction along a concrete cycle and footpath between high fences. In 90m cross a road and *turn right* along its opposite pavement, to the right of a park. In 70m *turn left* along a tarmac path and in 40m pass **The Pilot Inn** on the right. In another 40m cross another tarmac path and continue along **Pilot Walk**, a residential street. In 80m cross **Chandlers Avenue** (with **Eat Fan** on the right) and in another 80m reach the Thames Path by the **Seafood Disco** artwork and barbecue and *turn right* along the wide cycle and footpath. Pick up the directions above at the quintuple asterisk \*\*\*\*\*).