

Coulston South to Fox PH Walk Directions

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These directions are a rewrite of the Coulston South to Fox PH walk directions. To be used in conjunction with the Coulston South Circular walk in the Time Out Country Walks near London – Volume 2 book.

Start from Coulston South:

From platform 2 of **Coulston South** station, *go down some concrete steps and along a tarmac path*. After 50 metres *go up some steps to meet a minor road and turn left*, marked by a metal signpost indicating the London Loop.

In 100 metres *at a T-junction turn right up a main road*. After 25 metres *fork right up a road* with a sign 'Weak bridge 1 mile ahead'. In 30 metres you pass by a large Corporation of London sign on your left for **Farthing Downs**.

In 50 metres the road forks. Take the right fork along the pavement. After 90 metres, *where the road curves to the right, fork left to cross the road* and pass between two wooden bollards next to a London Loop, footpath post. *Cross over the parallel road towards a wooden gate to the left of a cattle grid*.

In 20 metres go through the gate to *go up a grass path, bordered by a wood on your left and parallel to the road up to your right*.

Continue up this path in the same direction, with a wood (and subsequently a mini pylon cable run) to your left, ignoring all turnings off. *After 1.5km* (and 80 metres beyond where the mini-pylon cable run forks down into the valley), go through a wooden gate. In a further 70 metres the path comes up to a crosspaths, with a cream painted house up ahead (with a car park off to its right), some 200 metres distant.

Turn left down a stony track into the wood, your direction 140 degrees. In 30 metres at a crosspaths, veer left to follow the path more steeply down towards the valley bottom, your direction now 80 degrees. After 110 metres you *emerge from the wood and turn right along a wide path bordered by woods*, to go along the bottom of **Happy Valley**, your direction 160 degrees.

After 450 metres, where the path forks, ignore a bridleway up to the left, to *keep on the lower path* to the right, *along the valley bottom*, your direction 120 degrees.

After 80 metres where the woods on either side clear, ignore a path veering to the right towards a car wide gap in the distance, to continue on the left path as it gradually veers to the left.

In 300 metres *the path merges with another from the right, as you now start to go up the side of the valley* towards a wooden table and benches, next to a three-armed wooden footpath signpost, by the edge of a wood.

[B2] In 100 metres you pass by the table and a London Loop arrow and the footpath sign to Coulsdon Common, into a wooded area, your direction 140 degrees. In 15 metres take the (lower) right-hand fork. In a further 25 metres you emerge from the wooded area with fine views of the valley to the right.

Continue up this path. In 200 metres, *at a three-armed wooden footpath, continue straight on towards Coulsdon Common* up into a wooded area. In 80 metres, as you emerge from the wooded area and pass a London Loop footpath post, the path levels off and becomes a car-wide tarmac track. Further on you pass a fitness trail on your right.

After 300 metres pass round a wooden fieldgate with a car park on your right. Continue straight ahead, passing a van blocking metal height barrier after 50 metres. In a further 120 metres you reach **The Fox** pub on your right, the recommended lunch stop.

You now *resume the main walk directions at point [3]*.