





TRIED AND TESTED ROUTES MEN IN SHEDS TO MOAT LANE AND BACK

LEVEL-BEGINNER

The Route (click on the <u>links</u> to see locations on Google Street View)

If starting from the Shed, you will need to walk to Erith Pier. To do this, leave the church grounds on Victoria Road. Walk down to the A206, turn right and walk to the 'fish roundabout'. Cross over Queen's Road and walk down Bexley Road past the shopping centre and bus stops. Then walk down Wharfside Close, to arrive at Erith Pier. From here you can get on your bike! You will need to join the cycle path which is located just past Erith Deep Wharf (the blue building). Please do not go onto the pier, this will take you to a dead end! Cycle downstream, along the river until the path takes you to James Watt Way. This next bit to get to Manor Road sounds complicated but there is good signage for the cycle path. From James Watt Way, you will need to zig zag by turning left onto Wheatley Terrance Road and then immediately onto Appold Street. Cycle up Appold street to the end and continue along the cycle path, cross at the zebra crossing on Manor Road. Turn left and follow the cycle path on Manor Road until the end (you will need to cross the road again half way down). When you see the sign for Erith Yacht Club, this is where you turn left to go off of Manor Road. Follow this road around the corner until you get to the barrier and walk your bike thorough to get onto the track. From here, the path curves around the river to go directly to Moat Lane. Our route stops at the crossing between the London loop and Moat Lane. However, if you wish to continue, turn right to come out by the Moat House and Slade Green train station. If you turn left, you can continue on the London Loop and will eventually get to Thames Road in Dartford. However, for our route this is where we stop and return to the shed the way we came.

Link to "On the Go" map: https://onthegomap.com/s/a08i2i4r

Distance: 6.37 miles (from Shed start point)

Points of interest:

- There are many information signs along the way to highlight view points and birds to look out for. Once you are past the industrial estate there is a lot of wildlife and ducks in the marshes!
- Dartford Creek Tidal Barrier-build in the 1970s, it is a part of London's flood defences.
- Erith Pier- Did you know Erith is home to London's longest pier? The pier is 360m long!
- This route uses the London Loop path. If you continue on this path, you can circle the whole of London! The path is 150 miles long!

Starting points (Click on text link to go to location on google maps)

Group Volunteer-led Rides

Meeting point- Men in Shed Project

Parking- At Christ Church Erith Car Park or on street parking in Avenue Road

Individual Self-guided Rides

Starting point- Erith Pier

Possible parking sites (charges apply)- Erith Riverside Gardens and Cross Street Car Park

Route considerations

- The track path is reasonably flat but in parts can be rocky and muddy. You may want to consider getting mud guards for this route and harder wearing tyres!
- When going along Manor Road, please be mindful of vehicles exiting the trading estates.

Ride elevation mapping:

