

# TRIED AND TESTED ROUTES

## MEN IN SHEDS TO CROSSNESS AND BACK

### LEVEL-BEGINNER

#### The Route

From Men in Sheds, walk through the church grounds to exit on Victoria Road and go down onto the A206. Cross the road at the traffic lights and walk down the foot path which leads to Erith station. At the end of this path walk under the flyover and follow the path down Stonewood Road until you reach on the left the end of West Street. Cycle down West Street until you reach St Johns Church (halfway down West Street a road cycle path starts). At the church take a right and head down Corinthian Manorway. This road will lead you to the river and the Thames path. Once at the river, take a left, heading away from Erith. Stay on the Thames Path until you reach the information boards at Crossness Pumping Station. Return along the same path and route.

Link to "On the Go" map: <https://onthegomap.com/s/gd7uaeib>

Distance: 6.92 miles (from Shed start point)

#### Points of interest:

- Crossness Pumping Station- The former sewage works, designed by Sir Joseph Bazalgette and architect Charles Henry Driver, is famed for its ornate building design and ironworks.
- As you approach Crossness, there are information signs about what you can see on the other side of the river.
- When going past the industrial estate, look out for the metal globe of fish!

#### 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

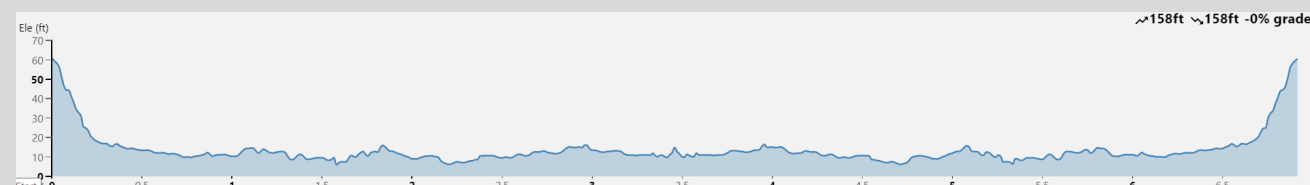
Starting point- [Erith Riverside Gardens](#) or [St Johns Church](#)

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

#### Route considerations

- This section of the Thames path is all concrete tracks. This route does have a series of ramps to go over and a few sharp corners going past industrial estates. There is one ramp with a cyclist dismount sign, please follow this instruction.
- There are unfortunately no toilet or café facilities along this route. There is however a very nice café at [the Exchange Erith](#) at the beginning and end of the ride!
- There is some road cycling on West Street (riders can easily walk this section if needed). If you are doing a self-guided ride and would prefer not to cycle on the road, there is an option to join the Thames path at Erith Riverside gardens. On the trial ride, we did however find this section of the Thames path has a series of awkward, tight sharp turns and the preference on return was to use West Street.

#### Ride elevation mapping:



Please note this route plan is for guidance only. We cannot be held responsible for route changes that may be beyond our control. We advise you check the route and latest travel advice before setting off.