Route 2
Dulwich Village and Park

Length: 2.6 miles
Time: 26 mins
From: West Dulwich Railway Station
Type: Quiet roads and park paths
Don’t miss: Christ’s Chapel, Dulwich Village (cycle parking), Dulwich Picture Gallery (cycle parking), Dulwich Park boating lake

Dulwich Picture Gallery

Cycle parking:
10 Sheffield stands at West Dulwich Station
6 cycle stands at Belair Park tennis courts
4 Sheffield stands in Dulwich Park car park
5 Sheffield stands by playground in Dulwich Park
2 Sheffield stands by south tennis courts in Dulwich Park

Cycle hire locations:
London Recumbents, Dulwich Park, SE21 7BQ
Gopedal.co.uk

Bike shops (no hire):
BC Bikes, 36 East Dulwich Road, SE22 9AX

Cafes: Pavilion Café, Dulwich Park, SE21 7BQ
Dulwich Picture Gallery (closed Mondays), Gallery Road, SE21 7AD. The Crown and Greyhound pub 73 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ (also has cycle stands)

Sustrans say:-
“This route takes you on a whistle stop tour of the attractive Dulwich Village and the famous Dulwich Park, on a series of quiet roads and park tracks.”
**For trains arriving from London:** Alight onto Platform 2 and walk down steps through Ticket Office to station entrance on the A205 Thurlow Park Road (A205).

**For trains arriving from Kent:** Alight onto Platform 1 and walk down steps and ramp to Toucan Crossing on Thurlow Park Road (A205).

1. Beginning at West Dulwich Station, you will need to turn right out of the station entrance and walk your bike across the Toucan crossing ahead. Immediately to your left is the entrance to Belair Park, next to the tennis courts. Follow the tarmac path around the courts and take the right hand branch of the path (see map detail) which will lead you onto a straight path (via the WC), and to a large white building called Beauberry House. Follow the driveway at the front of the house and it will lead you into Gallery Road.

2. Turn left on Gallery Road for a short period before turning right, onto the shared footpath called “Lover’s Walk” which is accessed via a white gate (alternatively you could push your bike across the road and walk to the gate). At the other end of Lover’s Walk you will need to turn left onto the shared-use pavement signposted “London Cycle Network+ (LCN+) route 23” which runs alongside College Road, before crossing at the zebra crossing at the Old College Gate entrance of Dulwich Park.

3. Enter the park and head straight on until the fire gate and veer left onto a wide tarmac path (called “Carriage Drive” on the park information maps) that runs all the way around the park. As you cycle this pleasant route you will see plenty of people using unusual bicycles London Recumbents hire out these bikes in the park, so why not try one yourself! The grassy sections either side of this path are designated dog exercising areas (they are not permitted off their leads in the central area of the park) so remember to cycle slowly and keep an eye out for dogs.

The park has plenty of activities including pedalo boats on the lake, the excellent Pavillion Café, a large playground an outdoor gym and several tennis courts. Cycle parking is available throughout the park - check the park maps for details.

When you have completed your circuit of the park, you will need to head back through Old College Gate. You may wish to visit the Dulwich Picture Gallery, which is located west of this park entrance. Cycle parking is available. Christ’s Chapel is located next door and it is worth having a stroll around the manicured gardens (no cycling allowed though).

4. From College Road you will need to head north to the roundabout in Dulwich Village (worth exploring if you have time as it has plenty of good cafes and boutiques) and turn left onto Gallery Road. Follow the road until you reach Beauberry House, where you can retrace your steps and follow the same track south past the tennis courts towards the station where the route ends.