Historic Greenwich strolls with a beer and lunch by the river

Getting there

Well connected by bus, DLR, South East trains (Blackheath, Greenwich, and Maze Hill)

Riverboat from Central London to Greenwich.

If coming by car – exit the A2 at the Sun in The Sands exit.

Parking

Pay and display parking available at various sites in Greenwich (including the park) and at Blackheath railway station.

At weekends there is free on-street parking on Charlton Way by the main entrance to the park.

Toilets

Public toilets in the park at the main entrance and near the Observatory

Suggested start/route

Park either at Blackheath station and walk across the heath or on Charlton Way.

From the main Blackheath gates at Charlton Way head along the wide avenue towards the Observatory and General Wolfe Statue- excellent views across to Canary Wharf and the City.



Cross the Meridian line and walk down the steep path to the left of the statue. At the bottom of the slope head straight towards the National Maritime Museum. To the right is the Queens House.

Turn left along the path by the Maritime museum café towards the statue of King William- The Greenwich Tavern is on the corner- turn right down King William Walk- you can then cross the main road (Romney Road) at the crossing.

Here you can take a stroll around Greenwich Market- though if its busy you may find it easier to pick the dog up!

From the Market cross over to The Cutty Sark.

By the restaurants/ river boat pier- turn right (eastwards) along the Thames river path with the Old Naval College / University on your right. At low tide there are steps down to a small "beach" by the River. You can also take a wander around the site of the old naval college.



You will then come to a large pub on the river- The Trafalgar Tavern. Turn to the right then immediate left down an alley (Crane Street) past a pub called The Yacht. Carry straight on along the Thames path past the Trinity Hospital almshouses until you come to The Cutty Sark Tavern on Ballast Quay.



Stop here for a drink- excellent bar snacks or really good food- dogs allowed in ground floor bar and there is also tables/ seating outside by the river.



(You can extend the walk eastwards along the Thames path towards the O2 and North Greenwich tube- although this gives great views of the river and Canary Wharf, there is quite a lot of building work in progress currently – also at various parts when walking along the wharf there is no wall/ fence between you and the river)



After some refreshment at The Cutty Sark- retrace your steps back to the Trafalgar Tavern. Turn left along Park Row and cross the main road at the pedestrian crossing-going straight over into Park Row with the Queens House to your right. At the end of Park Row you can enter the park through the gates. In front of you to the right you will see the Observatory on top of the hill.



There are various routes back to the top of the hill (with varying length/severity of slope!) and then retrace your steps to the car.

Recommended pubs - dog friendly

Blackheath- The Princess of Wales- 1A Montpellier Row SE3 0RL

www.princessofwalespub.co.uk

Greenwich

The Cutty Sark Tavern, 4-6 Ballast Quay, SE10 9PD.

www.cuttysarkse10.co.uk

Aoife's favourite- Beautiful old Young's pub- also beers from the Meantime Brewery in Greenwich and good selection of other real ales.

Fantastic food- excellent bar snacks (possibly the best sausage rolls in the world). Dogs allowed in downstairs bar- we have previously been able to pre- book a table in the bar with the dog. Also outside seating by the river.

The Greenwich Union.

www.greenwichunion.com

56 Royal Hill Greenwich, SE 10 8RT. 5 minute walk from the market. Meantime Brewery and other craft beers- good food- The union burger is excellent. Dogs allowed throughout and there is garden at the back with covered area.

Dog boutique

The Greenwich Hound, 9 College Approach, SE10 9HY (near Greenwich market) www.greenwichhound.com

Farmers Market- every Sunday morning in Blackheath station car park