

Hayes Towpath: Bulls Bridge to Yeading Lane (3 miles)

The Hillingdon Trail is 20 miles in length and stretches from Cranford Park in the south of the borough to Springwell Lock in the north.



The trail is waymarked and split into six manageable sections, each between two and five miles in length.

About this section

Starting point: Bulls Bridge, UB2 4NH

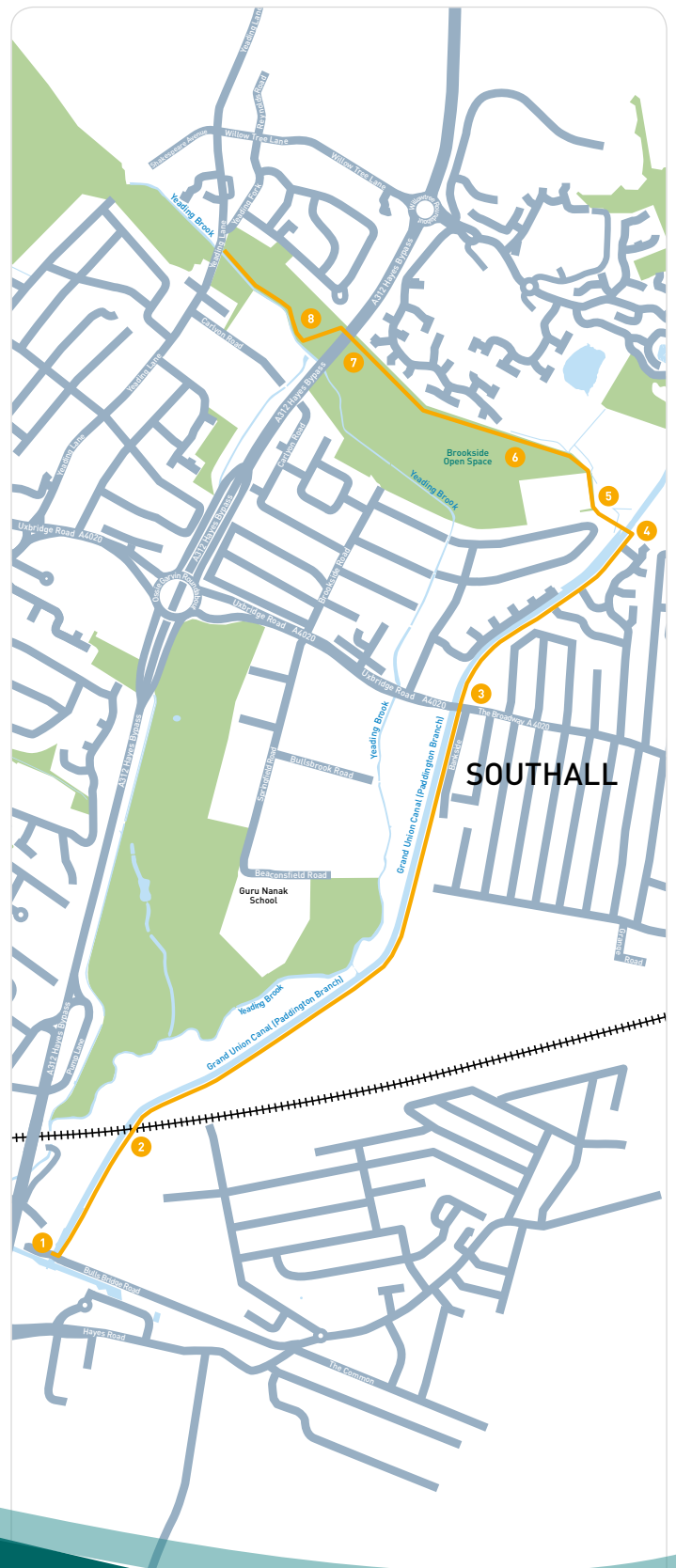
End point: Yeading Lane, UB4 0ES

Things to look out for in this section:

- kingfishers
- black and gold striped cinnabar moth caterpillars on ragwort in the summer
- great hairy willowherb, also known as codlins-and-cream

Directions

1. From Bulls Bridge, turn left onto the towpath alongside the Paddington branch of the Grand Union Canal.
2. After 380 metres, pass under the railway bridge, keeping a lookout for any herons, kingfishers and ducks.
3. Pass under Uxbridge Road and go under the bridge.
4. Keep on the towpath to Spikes Bridge.
5. Follow the tarmac footpath between the sloe bushes (the black fruits of which are used to make sloe gin) and then leave it to enter the open space.



6. Cross the grassed area, keeping allotment gardens on the south side, then follow the sports field edge, with a hedge and fence to the north.

This is Brookside Open Space and there is a car park at the pavilion.

About 700 metres on is a tarmac path, leading south across the sports field to Brookside Road, which leads to Uxbridge Road.

7. Join the path to pass under the Hayes Bypass, then leave this path to cross an area of open grassland, bearing south-west to the bank of Yeading Brook (bordered by trees and shrubs).
8. Continue along the north bank of the brook across the adjacent open space to Yeading Lane.

Information correct at time of publication.