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1 From the Green Chain major signpost follow the path away from the Riverside.

2 Follow the path along Manor Way through the underpass beneath Crossway and continue to Manorway Green open space. Turn left along the path and then right to cross the canal footbridge and enter Fieldfare Road.

3 Cross the end of Fieldfare Road and pass between numbers 70 and 71 to the Green. Turn left and cross the footbridge into the tump.

Section 1

Thamesmead Riverside to Lesnes Abbey

2¼ miles (1 hour 10 minutes)



4 Leave the tump at the other end, continue through Curlew Close and first left into Gargeney Walk. Cross the footbridge, turn right and follow the canal under the road (Crossway). Keep the canal to your right, follow the path through Crossway Park to the Green

Chain signpost just before the pond.

5 Continue around the pond, bear right and leave the park to cross Eastern Way by the concrete suspension footbridge. Turn left along Belvedere Road then right to Southmere Lake. Turn left before the lake

behind the pavilion, to Green Chain signpost.

5a Alternatively turn left at the signpost and follow the path to turn right under Eastern Way. Descend to Belvedere Road, follow the road and turn left to reach the same Green Chain signpost at the lake edge.

6 Follow the lakeside path through Southmere Park past the adventure playground. Take the path (Abbey Way) directly southwards crossing Yarnton Way by the footbridge and on over Wolvercote Road.

7 Continue along Abbey Way, cross over Alsike Road, the railway and Abbey Road by the footbridge, and enter Lesnes Abbey Park.

8 Continue up to the Abbey ruins. Follow the wooden marker posts around the ruins, through the gardens and enter the woods to reach the Green Chain major signpost. **6**