

WALTHAM FOREST WANDERS WALKING CHALLENGE

Monday 5 August to Sunday 29 September 2024



SIX SCENIC WALKS



INTRODUCTION

Take on six scenic walking routes as part of our borough-wide walking challenge! For everyone who lives in or visits Waltham Forest, these walks will help you learn something new about your borough and enjoy your neighbourhood's great outdoor spaces.

The routes will take you past Waltham Forest's much-loved spaces and some of the area's hidden gems. You'll be walking in the footsteps of the borough's most famous figures, like Sir Alfred Hitchcock, Fanny Cradock and William Morris, who are celebrated through the routes.

THE CHALLENGE

1. Participants complete walking route(s) by following the directions in this challenge handbook. Each walking route consists of checkpoints linked to notable landmarks, places of interest and wildlife.

2. Each route has tasks and challenges for participants to complete, which can be done by taking photographs, drawing pictures, placing stickers in their handbook, and answering questions relating to each checkpoint.

4. When participants have completed the walking routes and challenges, its time to collect prizes! Prizes can be claimed from various Prize Pickup Locations across the borough. To see the full list of the Prize Pickup Locations, scan the QR code in this booklet.



3. The walking routes are accessible to meet varying needs, and the challenge is open to all residents. We encourage children, families, and groups to take part in the challenges together.

CHALLENGE ROUTES

The challenge will comprise of six walking routes covering the south, centre and north of the borough:

ROUTE 1	Murder and the Orient (South)
ROUTE 2	Planes, Bikes and Automobiles (Central)
ROUTE 3	Arts and Crafts (Central)
ROUTE 4	A Wander Down the Hill (North)
ROUTE 5	Leyton and Leytonstone (South)
ROUTE 6	Highams Park Animal Sculpture Trail (North)

Prizes Bundle Categories:



Number of routes and challenges completed	Prize Bundle
1 to 2	Completion Certificate, Medal
3 to 4	Completion Certificate, Medal
5 to 6	Completion Certificate, Medal, T-shirt, Water Bottle

ROUTE 1 **Murder and the Orient (South)**

This walking route takes you through the backstreets of Leytonstone and Leyton, taking you on a trip back through time to learn about the borough's links with Hollywood Horror, Jack the Ripper and the Footballers' Battalions of the First World War.

Route Information

Distance

2.5 miles

Time

50 minutes to 1 hour

Conditions

Mostly on footway

**Public
Transport**

The start of this route can be easily accessed by public transport. The start is Leytonstone Underground Station, which is on the Central Line and served by numerous local bus services.



START

This route begins in the subway of Leytonstone Underground Station. If you have arrived on the tube, follow signs for Leytonstone High Road, Church Lane exit. If you've arrived on foot, you might want to pop into the station to start. One of our themes is immediately obvious on the walls of the station subway with mosaics of local hero Alfred Hitchcock's famous films.



As you walk out of the station, turn right and walk along until the end of the row of shops. Turn left then right onto Vernon Road. At the end of Vernon Road turn right onto High Road Leytonstone.

SIR ALFRED HITCHCOCK ①

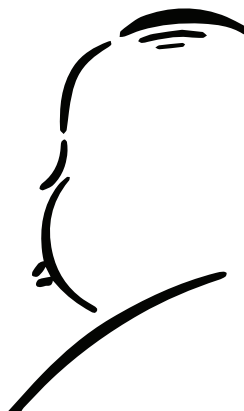
At the junction between the High Road and Lynn Road, look out for a large mural of *The Birds*, one of the best-known films by Sir Alfred Hitchcock. Sir Alfred Hitchcock, one of the borough's most famous figures, was born in 1899 in Leytonstone. He is considered the greatest British filmmaker and a 'master of suspense'.

He was a pioneer of many techniques still used in film today, particularly using cameras to mimic characters' views of scenes and framing scenes to ensure the scariest effect on the viewer. His career lasted over 50 years and his films such as *Psycho* and *The Birds* are now considered classics of the big screen the world over.

He is hidden in the mural somewhere. Can you see him? The house he was born in (517 High Road Leytonstone) was on the site of the petrol station opposite. A blue plaque marks the location.



Head down High Road Leytonstone – for around 10 minutes, past High Road Leytonstone High Road Overground Station, pausing at Lynn Road.

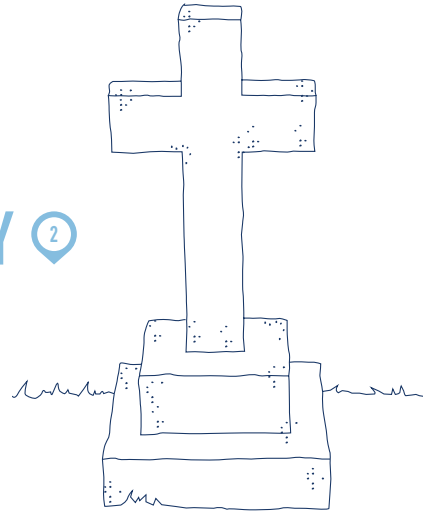




Continue down High Road Leytonstone until you come to Cathall Road, where the road turns right.

ST PATRICK'S RC CEMETERY 2

St Patrick's is a large Roman Catholic Cemetery between Leyton and Leytonstone. Among those buried here is Mary Jane Kelly, one of Jack the Ripper's victims. Little is known of the Ripper's fifth victim except that she was about 25 years old and came from Ireland via Wales, where she may have married. She was murdered in Spitalfields and buried here. Timothy Evans, convicted and hanged for the first of the famous murders at 10 Rillington Place (but subsequently pardoned) is also buried here.



Continue straight along Cathall Road towards the junction roundabout. Before you get to the junction roundabout you will see Cathall Green on your left, if needed stop for a break. When you get to the junction roundabout turn left into Hollydown Way and in approximately 200 metres you will see the entrance to St Patrick's RC Cemetery on the right.



Continue along Hollydown Way and at the mini-roundabout continue straight into North Birbeck Road.



Turn right into Langthorne Road (the Birbeck Tavern is on the corner). Travel along Langthorne Road (the entrance to the cemetery is on your right, halfway down) until you get to the junction with Elmore Road. At the right of Elmore Road is a bit of the old Langthorne Road which is walking and cycling only. Head up Langthorne Road and over the Central Line and the A12.



Once over the bridge, take the first left onto Trelawn Road. At the end of Trelawn Road is a zebra crossing and the location of the 'hit and run' death of Cornelius Cardew.



We now cross High Road Leyton onto Maud Road. Follow Maud Road round the corner to the right and onto York Road, following the footpath on the left.



CORNELIUS CARDEW 3

Cornelius Cardew was a music composer and political activist born in 1936 who lived in Leyton. He was a highly respected artist, training at the Royal Academy of Music, working with composers such as Pierre Boulez and Karlheinz Stockhausen.

Cardew became involved with politics as a central member of the Communist Party of Great Britain. He became more and more interested in socialist politics and moved to Leyton to be nearer to Ford's factories at Dagenham.

He was killed in a 'hit and run' after walking back from Stratford Station on 13 December 1981. Neither the driver or vehicle were ever identified.



Cross the road at the two zebra crossings and head up York Road by the side of the Bike Shack.



Continue straight until you get to Coronation Gardens. If the gardens are open you can walk through to Windsor Road. If not, turn right into Lyttleton Road and into Buckingham Road. You can't miss the football stadium, Brisbane Road, the home of Leyton Orient Football Club.

LEYTON ORIENT FOOTBALL CLUB

The Os, our only Football League club, are currently in League One. They were the first football club to sign up en masse for the First World War with 41 staff joining the 17th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment (the Football Battalion). Three of the players gave their lives for their country during the Battle of the Somme, with many more injured.

CORONATION GARDENS AND THE HIGH ROAD

The park is a great place to play on the swings or relax near the bandstand. A more recent addition to the park is a statue of Laurie Cunningham, a former Leyton Orient striker and one of the first black footballers to play for England.



FINISH

WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

If you're hungry or thirsty head back onto the bright and vibrant High Road Leyton and visit one of the local shops or cafés.

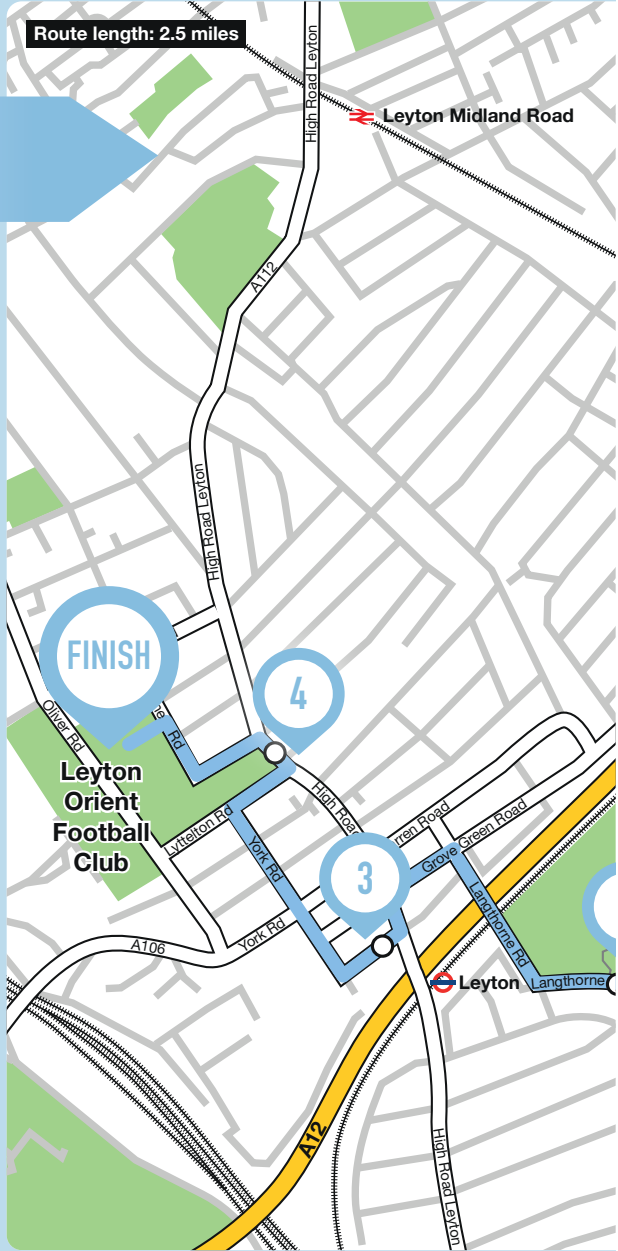
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WALK
CYCLE
ENJOY

ROUTE 1

MURDER AND THE ORIENT (SOUTH)

Route length: 2.5 miles



START

Leytonstone
Underground
Station

Church Ln
Leytonstone
E11 1HE

1

Sir Alfred
Hitchcock
The Birds Mural

FINISH

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3

Leyton Langthorne



2

St Patrick's RC
Cemetery

3

Cornelius
Cardew

4

Laurie
Cunningham
Statue

FINISH

Leyton Orient
Football Club

Gaughan Group Stadium
Brisbane Rd
E10 5NF

CHALLENGE ROUTE 1

MURDER AND THE ORIENT (SOUTH)



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS



Checkpoint 1 - **Leytonstone Underground Station**



Checkpoint 2 - **Vernon Road Bus Stop** (covered seating area)



Checkpoint 3 - **Sir Alfred Hitchcock - *The Birds* Mural**



Checkpoint 4 - **Memorial Square** (opposite Cathall Road)



Checkpoint 5 - **Cathall Green**



Checkpoint 6 - **St Patrick's RC Cemetery**



Checkpoint 7 - **Leyton Underground Station –
Pedestrian Bridge Overpass**



Checkpoint 8 - **Bike Shack - York Road**



Checkpoint 9 - **Coronation Gardens –
Laurie Cunningham Statue**

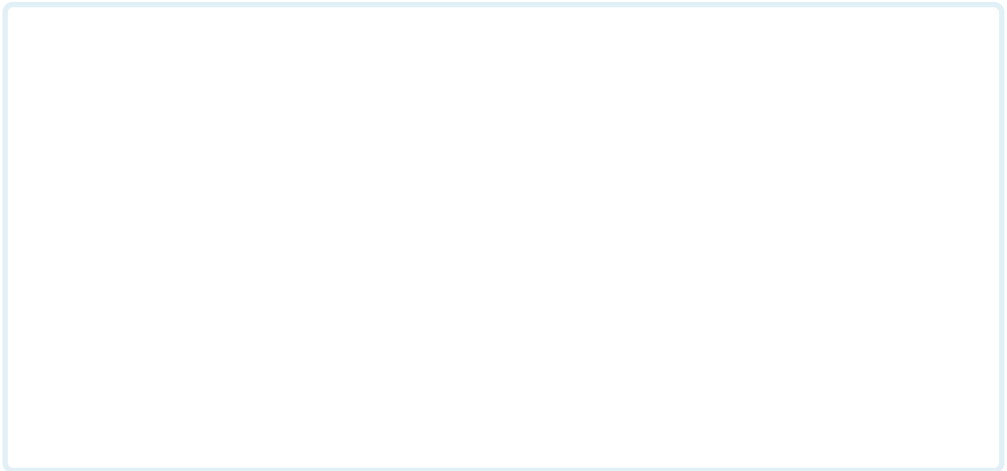
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CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Checkpoint 1 - Leytonstone Underground Station

One the walls of the station subway you will see several mosaics of local hero Alfred Hitchcock's famous films. Take some photographs or draw some pictures of your favourite mosaics.



Checkpoint 3 - Sir Alfred Hitchcock (Lynn Road) Mural of Birds

Can you count how many birds are on the mural? _____

Sir Alfred Hitchcock is hidden in the mural somewhere. Where is he?

Checkpoint 9 - Coronation Gardens - Laurie Cunningham Statue

Read the information on the Laurie Cunningham statue and write down the two records that he was the first person to achieve:

1) _____

2) _____

ROUTE 2 **Planes, Bikes and Automobiles (Central)**

This walking route explores the lives of three famous sons who influenced transport in the country. A.V. Roe who piloted the first UK powered flight, Frederick Bremer the inventor of the first internal combustion engine car and John Kemp Starley, the inventor of the modern bicycle.

The walk begins near Lea Valley and ends in Walthamstow Village, near Walthamstow Central Station.

Route Information

Distance

4 miles

Time

1 hour 30 minutes

Conditions

Mostly on foot way

**Public
Transports**

The start of this route can be easily accessed by public transport. The 55 and 56 bus services stop near to the start. The end of the route is a short walk from Walthamstow Central Station (Victoria Line and London Overground).

START

LEA BRIDGE ROAD AREA

This route starts at Lea Bridge Station. The station reopened in spring 2016 with services to Stratford and Bishops Stortford via Tottenham Hale, and is built on the footprint of the former station closed as part of Beeching's restructuring of the railways in the 1980s.

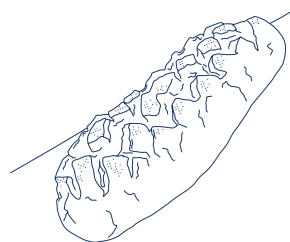


To start your journey, head west along Lea Bridge Road until you come to the Lee Valley Ice Centre.

On the western side of the railway line is the industrial area of Rigg Approach, the former location of Lea Bridge Stadium which was home to Speedway and Clapton (now Leyton) Orient during the 1930s and 40s.

THE ANCIENT LAMMAS LANDS ¹

On the left is Lammas Road which gets its name from the ancient Lammas Lands of Leyton. The Lammas Lands were open land on the marsh used for agriculture. Lammas Day (or loaf-day) was 1 August which celebrated the harvest. Traditionally a loaf made from the new harvest was taken to mass at church. From this day people were able to access common land on Leyton Marshes nearby and graze cattle from August until the following April.



As you walk into the Ice Centre car park a path can be found to the left of the building (with Lea Bridge Road behind you). The stone path continues up the side of the Ice Centre onto the Walthamstow Marsh Nature Reserve.



You will walk for about 5 minutes on this path until you come to a railway bridge that passes over you and the River Lea. On your way to the bridge look in the field to the right and you might be able to see Bomb Crater Pond made by a V2 Rocket which landed here during the Second World War in February 1945.

A.V ROE ②

The bridge was built by the Great Eastern Railway Company around the 1880s, and carried their line north out of Liverpool Street via Clapton Station and over the River Lea to link with the existing Lea Valley Line and the Chingford Branch.

On the arches of the bridge you will find a blue plaque commemorating the first all British powered flights completed by A.V. Roe (1877-1958) in 1909. Roe's 'Yellow Terror' tri-plane was assembled under the arches and flew a historic 900 feet across the Walthamstow Marsh.



When you reach the top of the path it bends to the right. Follow the path round and under the infamous 'head down bridge'. You will come into a small car park and continue out of the car park onto Coppermill Lane.



Continue straight along Coppermill Lane, you will see reservoirs on your left.

WALTHAMSTOW MARSHES ③

As you head further north across the marsh keep an eye out for wildlife. The marsh, one of the last in greater London and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is home to Adders Tongue Fern, Reed Warblers, Herons, Kestrels and grazing cattle.

WALTHAMSTOW WETLANDS ④

The reservoirs are now part of the Walthamstow Wetlands Nature Reserve which opened in 2017. The Wetlands is an urban wetland nature reserve and centre for learning, as well as the largest in London!



Continue along Coppermill Lane past the Coppermill Pub and after a few minutes you will come to St James Street and the start of the High Street in front of you.



FREDERICK BREMER 5

In 1933, Bremer donated his car to the Vestry House Museum, where it can still be seen. In 1965 the Bremer Car completed the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run as car number one. Bremer died in 1941 and is buried at St Mary's Church in Walthamstow along with his wife Annie.



Continue along Albert Road until you get to Hoe Street. Cross into Third Avenue or go down to the crossing into Orford Road.



Once in Orford Road walk through the new part-pedestrianised area and follow the road round the bend to the left. Round the corner you will see the Nags Head pub on your right and further up on the corner Ancient House.

THE NAGS HEAD 6

The Nags Head is a locally listed building and was built in 1857 by Francis Wragg as a replacement for the original village inn which stood on the corner of Orford Road and Church End. Wragg ran the local stagecoach service to London and also built the adjacent coach houses for his use.

ANCIENT HOUSE 7



Straight ahead of you is an entrance to St Mary's Church. Walk through the entrance and continue straight along the path.

The original 15th century timber-framed building was allowed to fall into a state of disrepair and at one time it was used as a bicycle shop, it was restored in 1934. On the side of the bow window (added at a later date) a piece of the old wattle and daub walls is visible behind glass. The foot way has also been cut away to show the original ground level and to show how much it has risen in nearly six centuries.

JOHN KEMP STARLEY

Church Hill was the birthplace of John Starley Kemp. John is one of our less famous sons but should arguably be remembered along with Frederick Bremer and Alfred Hitchcock.

John lived in Walthamstow until he was 15 when he moved to Coventry, where he began producing the Rover Safety Bicycle – a rear wheel drive, chain driven cycle with similar sized wheels which 'set the fashion to the world'. It was the first mainstream mass produced cycle and the design of his cycle has been used ever since as the template for normal bicycles. John died in 1901 but not before the now Rover Bicycle Company made the UK's first electric car in 1888.

Soon After John's death in 1901 the Rover group began manufacturing motorcycles, then cars and grew into the successful Rover Group making other British global brands such as the Land Rover.



Once you make your way through the graveyard turn left onto Church Hill.

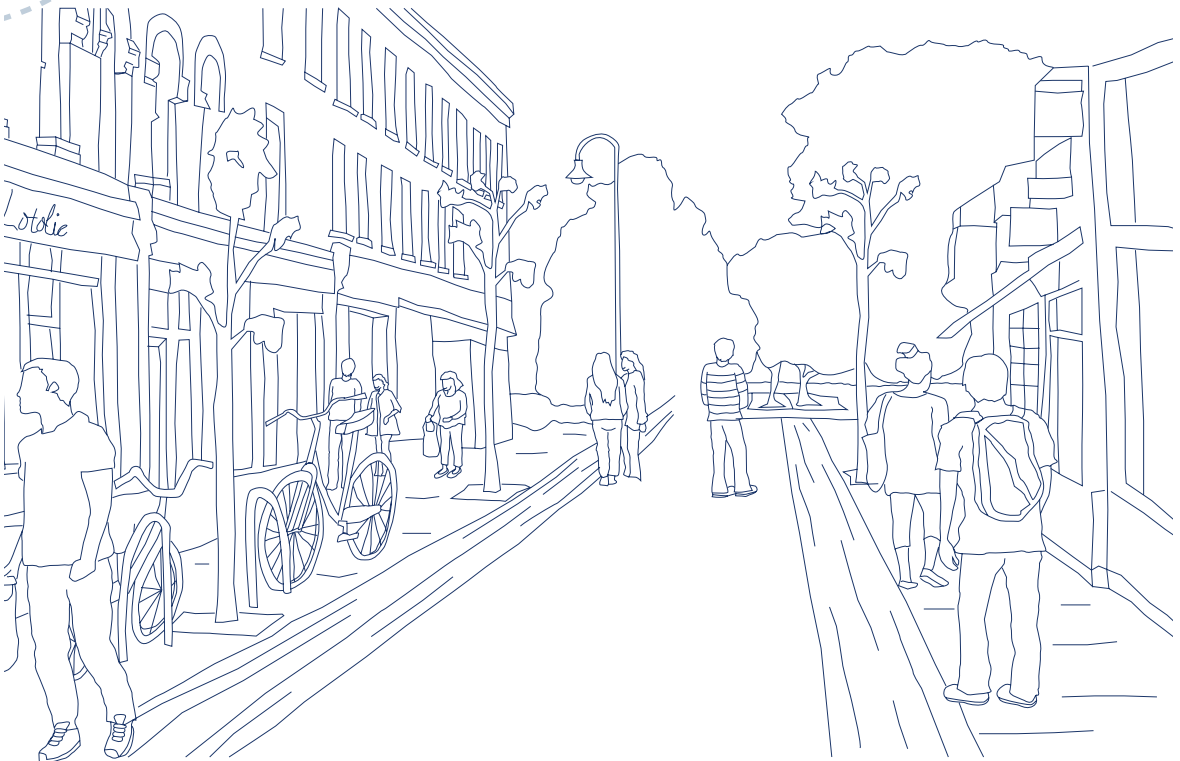


WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

FINISH

Why not go for a wander around Walthamstow Village, or head back to the market? You can take your first left, Folkestone Road to get back to Orford Road and go straight down Church Hill to head back to the town centre and visit the Market.

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ROUTE 2

PLANES, BIKES AND AUTOMOBILES



START



Lea Bridge Station

Argall Way
London, E10 7QE



The Ancient Lammas Lands



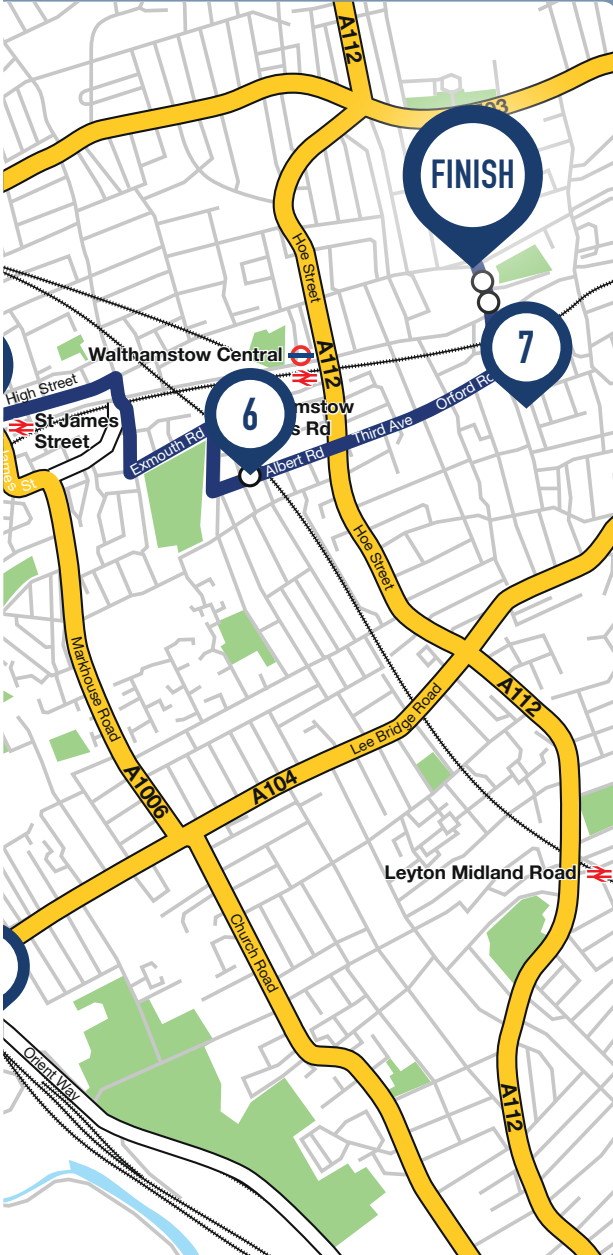
A.V. Roe



Walthamstow Marshes

Route length: 4 miles





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**Walthamstow
Wetlands**

5

**Walthamstow
Market**

6

**Frederick
Bremer**

7

**The Nags Head/
Ancient House**

FINISH

**John Kemp
Starley**

Church End
London , E17 9RJ

CHALLENGE ROUTE 2

PLANES, BIKES AND
AUTOMOBILES



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS

Checkpoint 1 - **Lea Valley Ice Centre**

Checkpoint 2 - **Walthamstow Marsh Nature Reserve**

Checkpoint 3 - **A.V. Roe Arches**

Checkpoint 4 - **Coppermill Fields Car Park / Coppermill Lane**

Checkpoint 5 - **Walthamstow Wetlands**

Checkpoint 6 - **Walthamstow Market - High Street**

Checkpoint 7 - **Frederick Bremer -
1 Connaught Road**

Checkpoint 8 - **The Nags Head /
The Ancient House**

Checkpoint 9 - **St Mary's Church**

Checkpoint 10 - **John Kemp Starley**

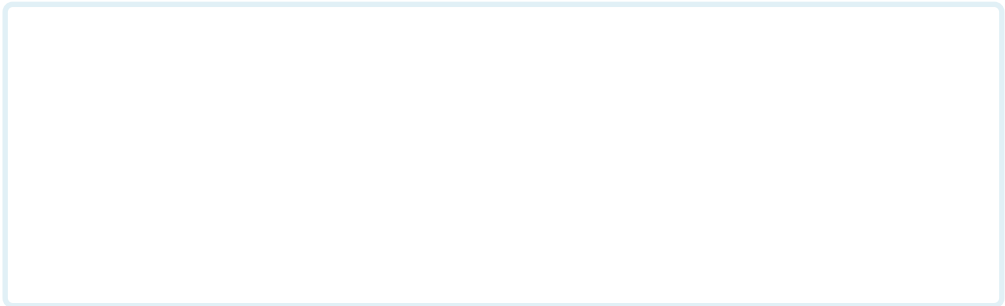
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CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Checkpoint 3 - **Walthamstow Marsh Nature Reserve**

As you walk along the stony path you will see two information placards Leyton Marsh and Walthamstow Marshes. Can you spot any of the wildlife from the information placards? Take a photograph or draw a picture of the any wildlife you see.

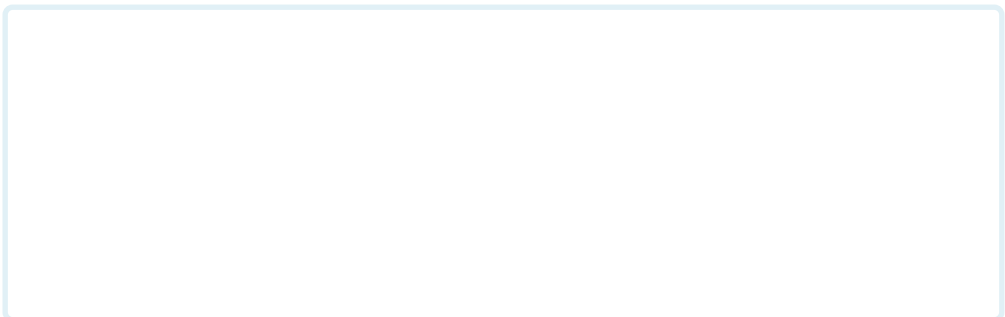


Checkpoint 4 - **A.V. Roe Arches**

Can you find the heritage plaque at the side of the railway bridge and tell us what day did A.V. Roe make his first all British powered flight from Walthamstow Marshes?

Checkpoint 10 - **John Kemp Starley - Church Hill - Walthamstow Village Gateway Mosaic**

Take a photograph or draw the heritage plaque that is on the wall of Walthamstow Village Gateway Mosaic.



ROUTE 3 Arts and Crafts (Central)

This walking route begins at Walthamstow Central Station. It can be easily made into a day out by spending time in the museums, shops, restaurants or pubs along the way. Most of the places of interest are open by about 10.30am/ 11am at weekends. We'll leave the planning up to you but have provided links to some of the places of interest along the way.

Route Information

Distance

3.5 miles

Time

1 hour

Conditions

Mostly on footways on quiet roads.
The section to/ from St Mary's Church
and the Town Hall has one hill.

**Public
Transports**

The start of this route can be easily accessed by public transport. Selborne Road is next to Walthamstow Central Station, served by the Victoria Line, London Overground and numerous local bus services.

START

The route starts in Selborne Road next to Town Square Gardens and Walthamstow Central Station.

Checkpoint

1

Head east along Selborne Road and straight over the junction with Hoe Street, down the ramp/stairs into St Mary Road.

Checkpoint

2

Continue along St Mary Road and take your first right onto West Avenue and over the bridge.

SHOPPING 1

If shopping is your thing you may want to stop off on Orford Road to explore the independent boutiques, cafés and bars.

Checkpoint

3

At the end of West Avenue turn left into Orford Road.

Checkpoint

4

Follow Orford Road round the corner to the left and take the first right into Summit Road. Go to the end of the cul-de-sac and through the gate into the Ravenswood Industrial Estate. If the gate isn't open head back the way you came, turn left down Beulah Road and left again into Addison Road. Follow Addison Road to the end, turn left into Shernhall Street, then immediately into Ravenswood Estate.

RAVENSWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ②

Ravenswood Industrial Estate is the unlikely home of Wild Card Brewery, Mothers Ruin Gin Palace and the legendary Gods Own Junkyard, amongst many other independent businesses. Gods Own Junkyard, a fantasy world of neon signs, film props and fairground lighting has a cult status in the UK and throughout the world. The signs, made by the late Chris Bracey feature in films such as Batman. Look out for street art by Dave Bonsai and French artist Koralie, which are recent additions to the unique place.



Once you've had a look around head back into Summit Road and turn right into Orford Road. On your right as you head up Orford Road you will see the Nags Head Pub.



At the end of the road you will see St Mary's Church. Follow the path through the Churchyard and out into Church Hill. Head straight up Church Hill and at the junction continue straight ahead into The Drive.



At the end turn left, then immediately right into Hurst Road, and down the hill to the junction with Forest Road. Turn right into Forest Road.

THE NAGS HEAD ③

The pub, a locally listed building, was erected in 1857 by Francis Wragg as a replacement for the original village inn which stood on the corner of Orford Road and Church End. Wragg ran the local stagecoach service to London and also built the adjacent coach houses for his use.



Head back past the Town Hall and turn left up Hurst Road. At the top turn right into Seaford Road, then at the end turn left into Howard Road. Take the shared path between numbers 71 and 73 and into Aubrey Road. Turn left into Aubrey Road then right into Milton Road.

WALTHAM FOREST TOWN HALL 4

On your left is Waltham Forest Town Hall. The building, built in 1941, is an example of stripped classical 20th century architecture designed by Philip Dalton Hepworth, made of Portland stone and influenced by Swedish buildings of the interwar period.

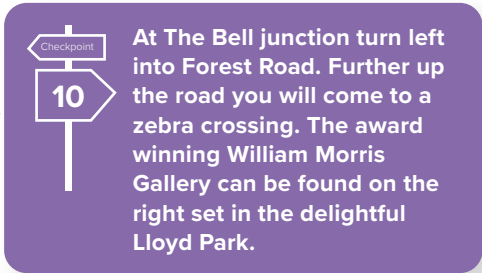
WALTHAMSTOW ART COLLEGE 5

The next building on the left is Waltham Forest College, formally Walthamstow Art College. Erected in 1938 as the South West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow Art School has contributed to the careers of numerous local talents. Former pupils include Marion Foale and Sally Tuffin founders of swinging 60s fashion label of Tuffin and Foale. The cultural icon Ian Dury, front man of his band the Blockheads and filmmakers Ken Russell and Peter Greenaway were all taught at the college by another British institution – pop artist Peter Blake.



STREET ART ON HOE STREET

Hoe Street has become a home for world class street art. Installations can be found by Carne Griffiths in Jewel Road (second road on left) and by Irony and Boe on the Dragon Inn back on Hoe Street on the right. A further 5-10 minute walk you will come to the Bell junction. There's work by Dale Grimshaw, Mr Cenz, Teddy Baden and Static on walls of the buildings around the junction.



WILLIAM MORRIS AND THE GALLERY

William Morris, founder of the Arts and Crafts movement was born in the borough and lived in nearby Elm House then the grander Water House which is now the home of the museum. The William Morris Gallery is the only public gallery devoted to the life and legacy of William Morris – designer, craftsman and socialist. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm. On Thursdays there is extended opening to 8pm. Entry is free.

WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

FINISH

Once you've finished at the museum turn right out of the gates along Forest Road then take the second left into Jewel Road. The easiest way is to stay on the right-hand side, cross over the first side road (Winns Terrace) then use the zebra crossing to get over Forest Road.

Go all the way to the end of Jewel Road and turn right back on to Hoe Street. You can stop for a well-earned drink and something to eat at one of the many cafés or pubs, or follow the road down towards the town centre and back to the station.

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WALK
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ROUTE 3

ARTS AND CRAFTS (CENTRAL)

START

Walthamstow
Central Station

Selborne Rd
London, E17 7LP

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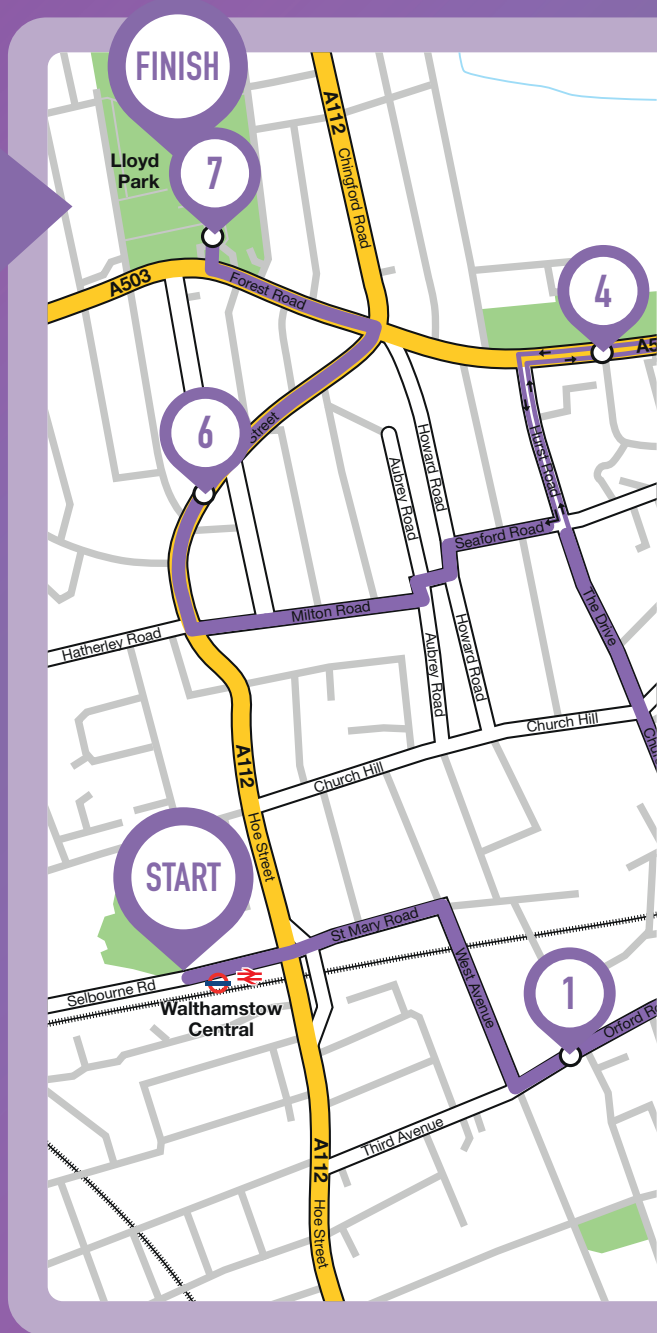
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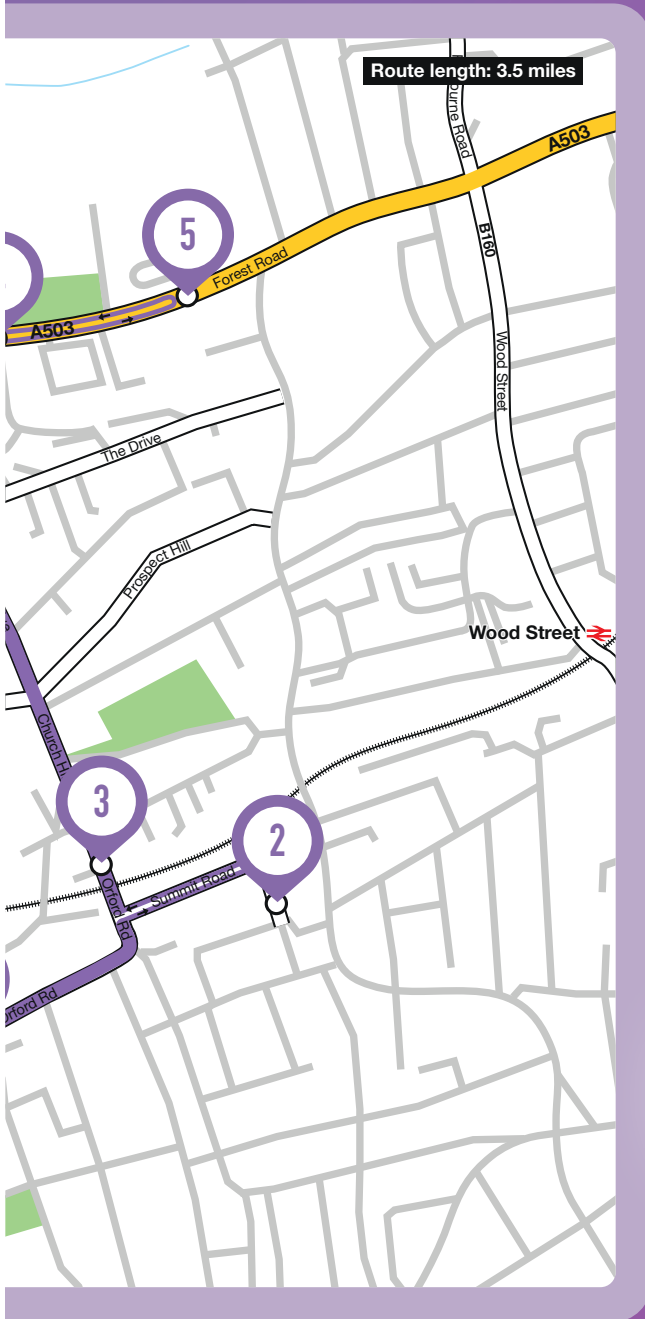
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Ravenswood
Industrial Estate

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The Nags Head





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Waltham Forest
Town Hall

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Walthamstow
Art College

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Street Art on
Hoe Street

7

William Morris
and the Gallery

FINISH

Lloyd Park

Forest Rd
London, E17 4PP

WALK
CYCLE
ENJOY

CHALLENGE ROUTE 3

ARTS AND CRAFTS
(CENTRAL)



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS



Checkpoint 1 - **Walthamstow Central Station**



Checkpoint 2 - **Orford Road**



Checkpoint 3 - **Ravenswood Industrial Estate**



Checkpoint 4 - **The Nags Head**



Checkpoint 5 - **St Mary's Church / Churchill**



Checkpoint 6 - **Waltham Forest Town Hall**



Checkpoint 7 - **Walthamstow Arts College**



Checkpoint 8 - **Aubrey Way**



Checkpoint 9 - **Street Art on Hoe Street**



Checkpoint 10 - **William Morris Gallery
Lloyd Park**

Congratulations
on completing the
challenges. Scan
the QR code to
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CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Checkpoint 10 - **William Morris Gallery / Lloyd Park**

Look for the blue plaque outside the William Morris Gallery and write down what year he lived there? _____

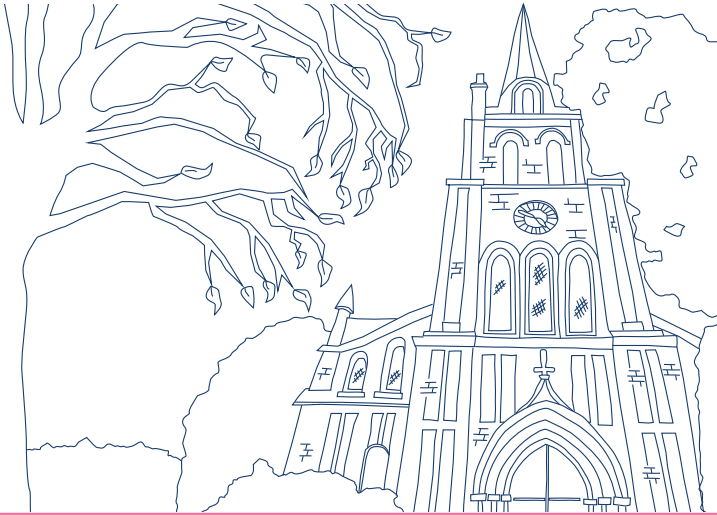
The William Morris Garden

Explore the different plants and flowers in the garden and draw or take a photograph of your favourites.



ROUTE 4 A Wander Down the Hill (North)

This walk is best done on Saturdays when the Old Church at Chingford and the cemetery is open. It's also worth checking out whether a market is planned in either Chingford or Highams Park and what is on at nearby Epping Forest.



Route information

Distance

4.5 miles

Time

1 hour 30 minutes

Conditions

Mostly on footways on quiet roads.

**Public
Transports**

The walk starts at Chingford Station which can be reached by London Overground from London Liverpool Street (via St James Street, Walthamstow Wood Street and Highams Park Stations.)

Station Road, Chingford



The route starts in the car park of Chingford Station.

START



Head out of the station car park and turn to your left. Make your way along Station Road up the hill.



Once you have passed the Co-op you will see Chingford Green and Chingford Library on your right.

STATION ROAD ①

Station Road has shops and cafés to visit to prepare you for your journey down the hill into Highams Park. There is also a farmers market and a vintage market on Saturdays throughout the year.



Turn right into the access road in front of the Library then veer left to take the path in front of the library where you join the Green Walk.



Travel along the Green Walk and turn left into Parkhill Road.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH ②

On your left is St Peter and St Paul's Church, built in the 1840s to replace All Saints Church which had fallen into a state of disrepair. St Peter and St Paul's was extended in the 1870s in response to the rapidly growing population of Chingford encouraged by the extension of the railway.



Go straight over the junction with Kings Head Hill. If you're waiting at the lights look to your right and you get an impressive view over the reservoirs towards Enfield.

CHINGFORD MOUNT CEMETERY 3

Chingford Mount Cemetery was opened in May 1884, on the site of the house and grounds of wealthy local Caroline Mount and covers an area of about 41.5 acres. It was opened as a sister-site to Abney Park Cemetery, which had opened in 1840 as part of the Magnificent Seven Cemeteries which circled London. It was opened to provide better burial sites for people from the City of London.

Following the collapse of the managing company in the 1970s and plans to build houses on the site, the London Borough of Waltham Forest took over management of the site.



Once in The Ridgeway take your second left onto St Egberts Way which turns into a path. Follow the path all the way to the end.



At the end of the path turn right onto Endlebury Road then left into Heathcote Grove. Go all the way to the end of Heathcote Grove and into Chingford Mount Cemetery.



Wander through the cemetery making your way to the main entrance located in the south (down the hill). Once out of the cemetery you will find yourself on Chingford Mount Road/ Old Church Road.

The notorious Kray twins and family and Benjamin Pollock, founder of Pollock's Toy Museum are among those buried in the cemetery. There are also war graves of 137 Commonwealth service personnel of World War I and 182 of World War II.



To the right of the entrance use the zebra crossing to cross the road. Walk up the hill, crossing the first side road and on your left you will see All Saints Church.

ALL SAINTS 4

All Saints was the parish church until 1844. The church has Norman origins, although the present building dates from the late 13th century. The tower and porch were added in the 14th century and 16th centuries. The Church became known as the Green Church in the 19th century due to the amount of ivy growing over it. Later it fell into such a state of disrepair it was abandoned. It was then restored in the 1930s.



Go back the way you came through the cemetery but when you get out the other side take a sharp right down the path. Go all the way down the path and into Grove Road. Cross over New Road and follow the path into Larkwood Playing Fields.



Once in the playing fields take the path to the left through the wood.

LARKSWOOD 5

Larkwood is a classic ancient woodland with oak and hornbeam trees. There's also an impressive carpet of bluebells in springtime. It's great to have a good explore as you walk under the thick tree canopy. Once you've navigated through the wood you will find yourself in either Inks Green or Larkshall Road.



Turn right into Larkshall Road and follow the road down the hill into Highams Park. Once you're in Highams Park you'll find yourself crossing the railway tracks with the Higham Park Signal box on your right.



If you're in Inks Green turn left and walk along the road until you get to Ropers Avenue. Turn left into Ropers Avenue then right into Larkshall Road.

HIGHAMS PARK SIGNAL BOX

Highams Park Signal Box is a Locally Listed building, erected in 1925 by the London and North Eastern Railway Company and one of the few that survive on the Chingford line today. It was saved from demolition in 2002 it is now leased to the Highams Park Signal Box Association.



Go over the railway line and Larkshall Road turns into Hale End Road. You will see a row of shops on the right. The last shop on the corner (no. 499) was the home of Sir George Edwards.

SIR GEORGE EDWARDS 1908 – 2003

The internationally famous aircraft designer, who was responsible for both the Concorde and the Vickers Viscount, was born here, above his fathers toyshop. As a boy he attended the nearby Selwyn Avenue School.

WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

Once you've had a look at where Sir George was born you can have a look around the shops and places to eat on Hale End Road or head to Highams Park station via the Avenue for services to Liverpool Street, Walthamstow and Chingford.

Get any good pics? If you're posting about your walk, tag the Council (@lbwalthamforest on Instagram and Tiktok, @walthamforestcouncil on Facebook, @wfcouncil on X) and use the hashtag #wfwanders.

FINISH



WALK
CYCLE
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ROUTE 4

A WANDER DOWN
THE HILL

START

Chingford
Station

London E4 6AL

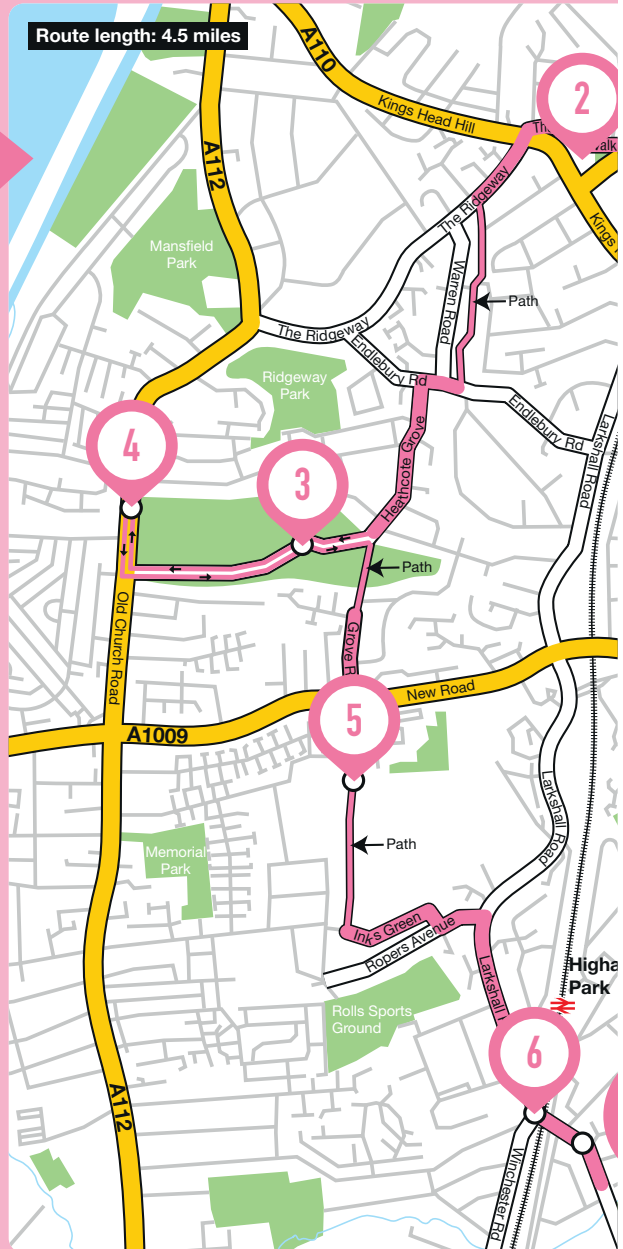
1

Station Road

2

St Peter and St
Paul's Church

Route length: 4.5 miles





3

Chingford
Mount Cemetery

4

All Saints

5

Larkwood

6

Highams Park
Signal Box

FINISH

Sir George
Edwards

Hale End Rd
London, E4 9PB

CHALLENGE ROUTE 4

A WANDER DOWN
THE HILL



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS

Checkpoint 1 -
Chingford Station

Checkpoint 8 - **Chingford
Mount Cemetery**

Checkpoint 2 - **Chingford
Green and Library**

Checkpoint 9 -
All Saints Church

Checkpoint 3 -
The Green Walk

Checkpoint 10 -
Larkwood Playing Fields

Checkpoint 4 - **St Peters
and St Paul's Church**

Checkpoint 11 - **Larkwood
Ancient Woodlands**

Checkpoint 5 - **The
Chingford War Memorial**

Checkpoint 12 - **Ropers Avenue**

Checkpoint 6 -
St Egberts Way

Checkpoint 13 -
Highams Park Signal Box
(Highams Park Station)

Checkpoint 7 -
Heathcote Grove

Checkpoint 14 -
Sir George Edwards' Home



Congratulations on completing the challenges. Scan the QR code to claim your prizes.



CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Checkpoint 2 - **Chingford Green and Library**

Take a photograph or draw a picture of the crest on top in the Chingford Library Assembly Hall.

Can you name any of the people on the Millennium Heritage Mosaic?

Checkpoint 5 - **The Chingford War Memorial**

What year did the Great Men of Chingford serve their country between?

ROUTE 5 Leyton and Leytonstone (South)

This route takes a trail of discovery through Leyton and Leytonstone past the former homes of our borough's celebrities and influential people including Harry Beck, David Bailey and David Beckham.



Route information

Distance

2 miles

Time

30 minutes to 1 hour

Conditions

On footways, mostly on quiet roads.

**Public
Transports**

The start of this route is Leyton Midland Road, served by the London Overground Barking- Gospel Oak line and the 69, 97 and W16 bus services.

START

We start our journey at Leyton Midland Road Station on High Road Leyton. There are a number of shops nearby where you can grab a drink or a snack before you start.

Checkpoint

1

Turn right out of the station and right again onto Midland Road, walk up and on your left you will see Wesley Road. Turn left to Wesley Road and approximately 25 metres up on your right you will see No.14.

HARRY BECK ①

It's quite right that we started at a Transport for London Station. Henry Charles Beck (1902-1974) was born at 14 Wesley Road. Harry was a draughtsman for London Underground Signals Office. In his spare time he drew a map of the underground network and presented it to his bosses in 1931.

Unfortunately it wasn't immediately popular and not until after a successful trial in 1932 was it promoted by London Underground the following year.



Checkpoint

2

Continue walking up Wesley Road and turn right at the end onto Leigh Road and then immediately left onto Forest Drive West. The Victorian architecture of Forest Drive West is very typical of the housing stock of central Walthamstow, though larger than most.

He was never officially commissioned to do the work and therefore never paid and in the 1960s amendments were made to it without his involvement including the addition of the Victoria Line. It wasn't until the 1990s that Harry got the recognition he deserved with a blue plaque here and at Finchley Station near where he lived in his later years. In addition, official versions of the underground map now include 'this diagram is an evolution of the original design conceived in 1931 by Harry Beck' printed on them.



Walk to the end of Forest Drive West and turn right onto Essex Road, go to the end of Essex Road and turn left onto Hainault Road. If you look behind you at this point you can see a great view of the City and the Leytonstone Pentecostal Church. Continue down Hainault Road and turn right onto Woodriffe Road crossing over on the zebra crossing outside Gwyn Jones Primary School.

DAVID BAILEY 2

David Bailey is a world famous photographer. During his illustrious career Bailey is credited along with Terence Donovan and Brian Duffy (collectively known as 'the Black Trinity') of helping create and capture the 'Swinging London' of the 1960s. He captured a number of famous faces in his 'box of pin-ups' of 60s icons including the Beatles, Terence Stamp, Mick Jagger and east end gangsters the Krays.



Travel all the way down Woodriffe Road and turn right onto Walwood Road. On the opposite side of the road you will see a blue plaque on number 69, the former home of David Bailey.



Walk along Walwood Road until you get to Fairlop Road.

FANNY CRADOCK 3

On the corner of Fairlop Road you will see Fairwood Court where celebrated TV Chef Fanny Cradock was born. In a time when our food tastes were less adventurous Fanny was credited with introducing the nation to exotic 'foreign food' from countries such as France and Italy and inventing the prawn cocktail.



Carry on down Fairlop Road towards Leytonstone Underground Station. Take your second right, Bulwer Road, then first left, Chelmsford Road. At the end turn right into Fillebrook Road, almost straight in front of you on the left is number 21.

DAMON ALBARN

Number 21 is the home of our next former resident, namely Damon Albarn. Damon is the singer of the indie pop band Blur. He was born at nearby Whipps Cross Hospital and lived at 21 Fillebrook Road before moving to Colchester with his family. Blur have been performing since the early 1990s selling millions of records and were a pillar of the Britpop movement of the 1990s. Damon has gone on to have both critical and commercial success with a number of other bands including Gorillaz and The Good, The Bad and the Queen.

In 2014, Damon released a solo album called *Everyday Robots* which is written about his life, including growing up in Leytonstone. It features the song which includes a sample of a Central Line train leaving Leytonstone and children playing in the playground of George Tomlinson Primary School which he attended.



Chill on the hollow ponds
Set sail by a kid
In the heat wave that hit us all
1976

I felt the percussion
The green man had gone
Half my road was now a motorway
1991

I was by the Black Sea
Two hours in time
Spiny urchins and the new school bell
1979

Changed into lakeside
In January
(Hollow ponds)
Modern life was sprayed onto a wall
In 1993

Where the horses and passing trains
Have been tangled, revealed
In the green woods where you walked with me
Ship on hollow ponds was filled
Up with the dreams (it turned into a dream)
We shared our own CDs (we watched on LCD)
Every moment now and everyday
Every moment now and everyday

**Hollow Ponds by
Damon Albarn**



A Waltham Forest blue plaque was unveiled in October 2014 by Cllr Clyde Loakes. To mark the occasion of his solo album Damon performed secret gigs in the nearby Old Red Lion on Leytonstone High Road (which is about a 10 minute stroll from the end of this walk).



Continue right and turn left when you reach Drayton Road, walk a short distance to Grove Green Road and cross over onto the other side using the zebra crossing.

FILLEBROOK ROAD

Fillebrook Road is named after the Philly Brook River (one of east London's lost rivers) which ran close to the road until it was piped underground. If you listen carefully on nearby Southwest or Queens Road you can apparently hear the water flowing beneath you.

STUART FREEBORN 5

Stuart Freeborn (5 September 1914 – 5 February 2013) was born in Leytonstone and became interested in make-up for theatre and film. He struggled to get into the industry and was 'found' while pulling an elaborate stunt dressing as Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and driving around South London. He was arrested by police but this alerted a studio he had previously contacted for work who then employed him.



Turn right towards the bridge, when you walk under the bridge on your left you will see a series of murals dedicated to Stuart Freeborn.



He went on to work for Denham Studios working on make-up and hair for Alec Guinness. He is also responsible for the make-up on Stanley Kubricks 2001: A Space Odyssey and Peter Sellars various faces in Dr Strangelove. He was the make-up supervisor for the Superman films but is most famous for his work on Star Wars. Stuart was responsible for all of the characters including Chewbacca and Yoda (known to be based on himself and Albert Einstein) the Ewoks and the original Jabba the Hutt puppet.



Once you've had a rest in the Heathcote continue down Grove Green road until you get to Dyers Hall Road (South) on your left where you will see a footbridge over the A12.

You can get a better view of the mural and a well earned drink from the Heathcote and Star on the other side of the road.

DAVID BECKHAM

This is the first house of David Beckham, former England Captain and player for Manchester United, Real Madrid, AC Milan, Paris Saint Germain and L.A Galaxy.



Go up the steps and over the footbridge, you will come out on Norman Road, turn right and a few doors down on the right you will see no. 155.



Once you've daydreamed about being David or Victoria, walk back towards the footbridge passing it on your left and take the first right down Woodlands Road.



Continue to the first roundabout, turn left into Marchant Road, left again into Mayville Road and at the top of the road turn right into Norman Road. On the left just after the junction with Short Road you will find number 155.

WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

If the walk has whet your appetite you can walk a little bit further into Leytonstone for a drink and something to eat at one of the many cafés or pubs.

Get any good pics? If you're posting about your walk, tag the Council (@lbwalthamforest on Instagram and Tiktok, @walthamforestcouncil on Facebook, @wfcouncil on X) and use the hashtag #wfwanders.



Take the first left down Granleigh Road, up ahead you will see Leytonstone High Road station where this journey ends.

FINISH

WALK
CYCLE
ENJOY

ROUTE 5

LEYTON AND LEYTONSTONE

START

Leyton Midland Road Station

Greater, Midland Rd,
London, E10 6JT

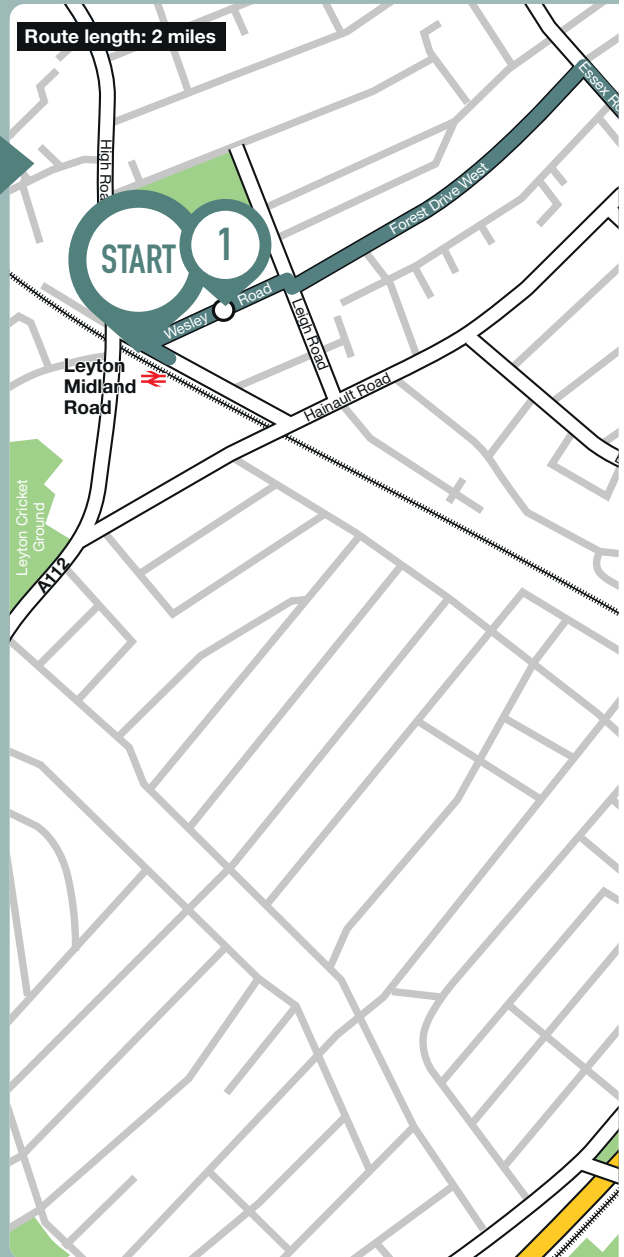
1

Harry Beck

2

David Bailey

Route length: 2 miles





3

Fanny Cradock

4

Damon Albarn

5

Stuart Freeborn

6

David Beckham

FINISH

Norman Road

Norman Rd
London, E11 4RZ

CHALLENGE ROUTE 5

LEYTON AND
LEYTONSTONE



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS

Checkpoint 1 - **Harry Beck's Former Home**

Checkpoint 8 - **Star Wars Mural**

Checkpoint 2 - **Forest Drive West - Victorian Architecture**

Checkpoint 9 - **Grove Green Road**

Checkpoint 4 - **Hainault Road Roundabout**

Checkpoint 10 - **Dyers Hall Road (South) Footbridge**

Checkpoint 5 - **David Bailey's Former Home**

Checkpoint 11 - **David Beckham's Former Home, 155 Norman Road**

Checkpoint 6 - **Fanny Cradock**

Checkpoint 12 - **Woodlands Road**

Checkpoint 7 - **Damon Albarn, 21 Fillebrook Road**

Checkpoint 13 - **Leytonstone High Road Station**

CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Checkpoint 2 - **Harry Beck Former Home**

What colour is the front door of Harry Beck former home at 14 Wesley Road?

Checkpoint 5 - **David Bailey Former Home**

Read the heritage plaque outside number 69 Walwood Road and tell us what year did David Bailey live in this house to?

Checkpoint 6 - **Fanny Cradock**

Fairwood Court is the birthplace of famous TV Chef Fanny Cradock. Read the heritage plaque outside Fairwood Court and write down the former name of the house?

Congratulations
on completing the
challenges. Scan
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ROUTE 6 Highams Park Animal Sculpture Trail (North)

Discover the 12 animal sculptures carved from local trees by chainsaw carver Marshall Lambert.

Route Information

Distance

5.5 miles

Time

1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours

Conditions

The route is hilly with even ground.

**Public
Transports**

The route begins and ends at Highams Park London Overground Station. Highams Park Station is on the 212, W16 and 275 bus routes.

START

RICHMOND
CRESCENT 1



The route begins at Highams Park Station. Exit south onto Hale End Road and take a sharp left onto The Avenue. Then take another left onto Richmond Avenue until you reach the fork in the road where you will see the first sculpture!

ABBOTTS CRESCENT ②



Next, bear right along Richmond Crescent until the bend in the road and follow the public footpath on your right through to The Avenue. Then turn left until you reach the corner of Abbots Crescent where you will find the second sculpture.



LARKSHALL CRESCENT ③



Now turn left onto Abbots Crescent and take a sharp left onto Harman Close. Continue onto The Bramblings footpath, then turn left onto Blackthorne Drive, left onto Hatch Lane and then take a right onto Russets Close via the underpass. Turn left again to stay on Russell Close and left onto Larkshall Road/B160 until you reach Larkshall Crescent. Turn right onto Larkshall Crescent and continue north until you see sculpture three.



④ ROPERS AVENUE



Take a sharp left to stay on Larkshall crescent and then turn right onto Larkshall Road/B160. Continue until you reach the junction of Ropers Avenue where you will find sculpture four.



ALDRICHE WAY 5



Next, continue on Larkshall Road and turn right onto Selwyn Avenue. Then take a right onto Aldriche Way and continue until you reach sculpture five.



RIVER WALK 6



Head south on Aldriche Way and turn left on Selwyn Avenue. Then turn right onto Haldan Road and slide right onto Winchester Road. Then cross the zebra crossing to River Walk (toward Beech Hall Road) where sculpture six will be on the left.

THE HALE 7



Continue down River Walk and turn right onto Beech Hall Road. Then turn left onto Morley Avenue and cross the road. Between the two junctions of The Hale you will find Sculpture seven.

OAK HILL CRESCENT 8



Now, continue on Morley Road and turn left onto Hale End Road. Then turn right onto Forest Mount Road and turn left onto Oak Hill Close. Then turn left onto Oak Hill Crescent for 60m and sculpture eight will be on the right.

VINCENT ROAD 9



Next, turn left onto Oak Hill Crescent followed by a left onto Oak Hill and then turn right onto Hale End Road. Then take a final right onto Vincent Road and continue straight until you reach sculpture nine.

HANDSWORTH AVENUE



Head north-west and follow the footpath accessed at gate no.196 until you reach Gordon Avenue. Then turn right onto Falmouth Avenue and continue onto The Charter Road. Then enter The Highams Park and walk towards Humphry's Café. You will see the swan coated Bikehangar and sculpture 10 to its left.

THE HIGHAMS PARK

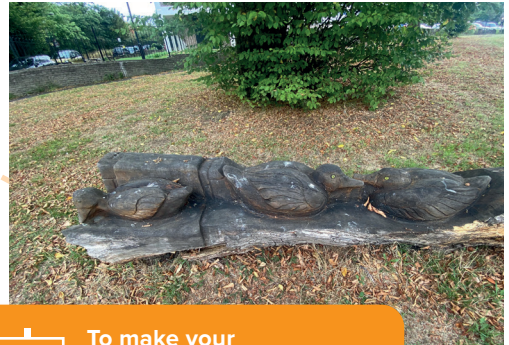


Head north along the footpath in front of Humphry's café and bear right. Look out for the additional sculptures next to the playground and turn right onto Henry's Avenue. Then turn right onto Beechwood Drive where you will find sculpture 11.

BEECHWOOD DRIVE



To find your final sculpture, walk towards Henry's Avenue and turn left. Then continue onto Charter Road, slide left onto Falmouth Avenue and turn left onto Handsworth Avenue. Continue until you reach sculpture 12.



FINISH

HIGHAMS PARK STATION



To make your way back to Highams Park station, head north on Handsworth Avenue and turn right onto Hale End Road and then right again into Highams Park Station.

WALK
CYCLE
ENJOY

ROUTE 6

HIGHAMS PARK ANIMAL SCULPTURE TRAIL (NORTH)

Route length: 5.5 miles

1

Richmond
Crescent

2

Abbotts Crescent

3

Larkshall Crescent

4

Ropers Avenue

5

Aldriche Way





6

River Walk

7

The Hale

8

Oak Hill Crescent

9

Vincent Road

10

Handsworth Avenue

11

The Highams Park

12

Beechwood Drive

START
FINISH

Highams Park
Station

London E4 9LA


CHALLENGE ROUTE 6

HIGHAMS PARK ANIMAL
SCULPTURE TRAIL (NORTH)



ROUTE CHECKPOINTS

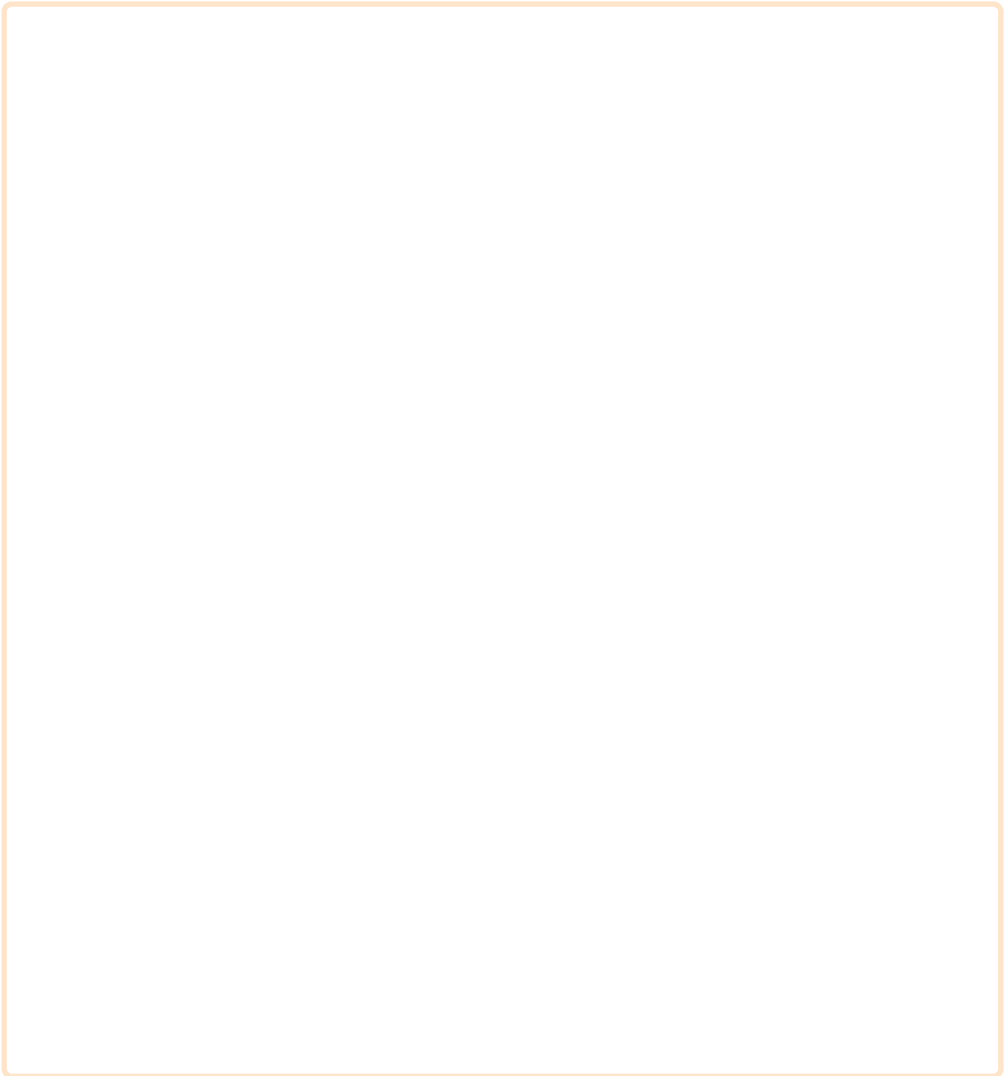
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- Checkpoint 2 - **Abbotts Crescent**
- Checkpoint 3 - **Larkshall Crescent**
- Checkpoint 4 - **Ropers Avenue**
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- Checkpoint 6 - **River Walk**
- Checkpoint 7 - **The Hale**
- Checkpoint 8 - **Oak Hill Crescent**
- Checkpoint 9 - **Vincent Road**
- Checkpoint 10 - **Handsworth Avenue**
- Checkpoint 11 - **The Highams Park**
- Checkpoint 12 - **Beechwood Drive**
- Checkpoint 13 - **Highams Park Station**

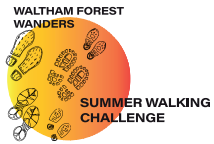

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on completing the
challenges. Scan
the QR code to
claim your prizes.



CHALLENGES & QUESTIONS

Take photographs or drawing pictures of your favourite sculptures.





BETTER

