

Crystal Palace was originally built in 1851 in Hyde Park but moved to Crystal Palace in 1854. It burnt down in 1936.

2. Our route

Step 1 | Friday, September 7th, 2018 | Olympic Park to Woolwich

We'll kick things off with 6.2 mile walk from the Olympic Park in Stratford, where you'll have a chance to check out some of the park's impressive landmarks. It's a comparatively flat and easy walk, passing the beautiful Abbey Mills Pumping Station and through Beckton District Park.

Distance: 8 miles

Step 2 | Sunday, Oct 7th, 2018 | Woolwich to Falconwood

This is one of the longer walks but is mainly level with a couple of steep slopes. We'll head under the river via the Woolwich foot tunnel and then head down through Maryon Park and Charlton Park. A cracking view of London will await us as we reach Severndroog Castle.

Distance: 7 miles

Step 3 | Wednesday, Nov 7th, 2018 | Falconwood to New Beckenham

This is a fairly long walk and includes a variety of surfaces, some of which can get a little muddy in wet weather. Top sights for this leg include Eltham Palace and Beckenham Palace Park.

Distance: 9 miles

Step 4 | Thursday, March 7th, 2019 | New Beckenham to Streatham

Most of this walk is on tarmac but does feature some steep ups and downs, and incredible views! We'll see Crystal Palace, Biggin Wood - a remnant of the Great North Wood and the Grade II listed Norwood Grove.

Distance: 7 miles

Step 5 | Sunday, April 7th, 2019 | Streatham to Wimbledon Park

Much of this section will be beside roads, but also taking us through Tooting Beck and Wandsworth Common. We'll finish up at Wimbledon Station, before entering the park.

Distance: 5.5 miles



Stratford's Olympic Park

Eltham Palace used to be the country palace of choice for the reigning monarchs from the early 14th to the mid 16th centuries. Except for Henry 8th who preferred Hampton Court. Elizabeth 1st was a fan.

Step 6 | Tuesday, May 7th, 2019 | Wimbledon Park to Richmond Bridge

This will be a beautiful, green walk through both Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park. There are a couple of fairly steep slopes, mainly on rough paths and grass.

Distance 7 miles

Step 7 | Friday, June 7th, 2019 | Richmond Bridge to Greenford

This is our longest walk, but also features some of the easiest and greenest terrain we'll face. We'll see the Old Deer Park, Nazareth house and follow some of the Grand Union Canal (not for the last time!).

Distance: 10.5 miles

Step 8 | Sunday, July 7th, 2019 | Greenford to Hendon

This walk is mainly on firm ground with a couple of steep slopes. Points of interest include the Paradise Fields Wetlands, the view from the summit of Horsenden Hill and Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Distance: 10 miles

Step 9 | Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 | Hendon to Highgate

This walk passes through many green spaces and ancient woodlands on firm pavements and paths. They'll be a few steep climbs to take on. Interesting things to see along the way include the lake in Brent Park, once a duck decoy, the statue of 'La Deliverance' at Finchley Road.

Distance: 7 miles

Step 10 | Saturday, September 7th, 2019 | Highgate to Olympic Park

This final, triumphant leg will see us walk along the beautiful Parkland Walk into Finsbury Park, then on to the Stoke Newington Reservoirs and Clissold Park. We'll then follow the Lee Navigation waterway, tracing the expansion of Stoke Newington over the last 150 years before going into a nature reserve at Springfield Park. We then end up in the Olympic Park to celebrate our finish!

Distance: 9 miles



Richmond park