



ROUTE 4

Walthamstow Village

To celebrate 10 years of the Enjoy Waltham Forest Sustainable Transport programme, this route tours Walthamstow Village, one of the first areas to receive investment as part of the programme. The guide also includes interesting information about upcoming developments in the area.



	Walking	Cycling
Distance	2 miles	
Time	35 minutes	10 minutes
Accessibility	Accessible route on local streets.	
How to get here	The route starts at Walthamstow Central station which can be reached by a number of local bus routes or on the Victoria Line or London Overground (London Liverpool Street – Chingford).	



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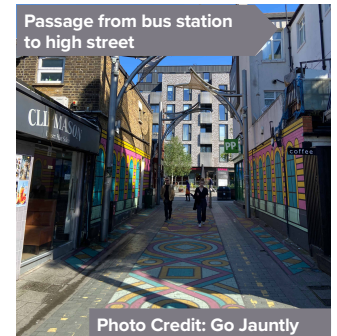
1. If you are exiting from Walthamstow Central station, leave via the Selborne Road entrance and walk straight on all the way through the bus station.



2. Walk through the pedestrian path at the far end of the bus station and then right onto Walthamstow High Street.

WALTHAMSTOW MARKET

Walthamstow Market is open Tuesday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, Saturday, 8am to 5.30pm and is located just to your left as you walk onto Walthamstow High Street. The market has been open since 1885 and is now Europe's longest outdoor street market, spanning 1km! Five days a week, over 500 lively market stalls line the street, each jam-packed with an impressive range of food, clothes, household items, and so much more. It's the perfect spot to wander around and while away the hours.



- At the end of the High Street, turn right and head down Hoe Street.

SOHO THEATRE

Soho Theatre is a short distance in the opposite direction as you turn onto Hoe Street. The iconic venue was acquired by the council in 2019 and reopened in May 2025 as a cultural hub in the heart of its community.

- You will shortly arrive at Walthamstow Gyratory, with The Goose pub on your right. Here, turn left to cross Hoe Street at the traffic lights. Once you've crossed over, head down St. Mary Road which is just to the right of the traffic lights. Just before you turn onto St. Mary Road you will see a tall new building ahead of you – Juniper House.

JUNIPER HOUSE

Juniper House is a recently completed mixed-use development featuring 91 new homes, a 53-place preschool nursery for local people with its own play area at the back of the site, new flexible commercial space and a pocket park at the front along Hoe Street. The University of Portsmouth's London campus is now situated in Juniper House providing higher education opportunities in the heart of Waltham Forest.

- Continue on St. Mary Road until you reach the junction with West Avenue. Here, turn right and walk through the modal filter on the railway bridge.
- As you come towards the end of West Avenue you will pass two Bikehangar cycle parking units and two public EV charging points, installed as part of the council's ongoing Sustainable Transport programme.

- At the end of West Avenue, cross straight over Orford Road and continue walking straight on Pembroke Road.

- When you reach the junction with Grosvenor Park Road, with Wingfield Park ahead of you, turn left and continue.

- At the next junction, cross straight over Wingfield Road and onto Grosvenor Rise East

- When you reach the junction with Eden Road, with The Castle pub and modal filter ahead of you, continue straight on past the pub.

- Just further on from The Castle you will arrive at the end of the road. Turn left up the hill onto Beulah Road.

- At the top of the hill is Orford Road, at the heart of Walthamstow Village. Turn left and you will pass a range of independent shops, cafés, pubs and restaurants.



ORFORD ROAD

Orford Road was transformed by walking and cycling improvements as part of the original 'Mini-Holland' programme from a traffic dominated high street to a thriving local centre with plenty of space for pedestrians and cyclists.



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13. When you reach the end of the low-traffic section of Orford Road, turn right onto East Avenue. Close to the junction is a parking bay which is reserved for shared 'car club' vehicles, giving residents access to a practical alternative sustainable mobility option.
14. Continue on East Avenue to the end of the road, before turning right back onto St. Mary Road. Then, walk to the end of the road and continue onto Church Path footpath.
15. At the end of the path, continue straight on until you get to St. Mary's Church graveyard. Here, take one of the paths on your left through the graveyard. When you get to the church, continue straight on past the church and through the church entrance gates.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

St. Mary's Church dates back to the 12th century, when it was built by the local Norman landowner. The church has recently undergone a full refurbishment and re-opened in 2022 with a renewed focus on their 'Creative Church' vision, which includes an arts and culture programme.

16. Past the church gates, you will arrive at a road junction. Turn left onto the road (Church Hill).



CHURCH HILL

Church Hill was the childhood home of John Kemp Starley, who is considered to be the inventor of the modern bicycle! He was also the founder of Rover, which grew into the major car manufacturer and producer of the original Land Rover. To celebrate his life and achievements, a new mosaic has been installed on Church Hill (near the junction with Woodbury Road) – keep an eye out!



17. Some way down the hill on your right is Aubrey Road. Turn right here through the modal filter. You will pass Aubrey Road Outdoor Gallery, which features art delivered by local arts organisation Wood Street Walls as part of the Enjoy Waltham Forest programme.
18. Continue on Aubrey Road until you get to Aubrey Way footpath, which will appear on your right. Turn here and then left at the end of the path onto Howard Road.
19. Howard Road is a steep residential road. At the bottom of the hill you will reach the busy Bell junction. Turn right onto Forest Road.

THE BELL JUNCTION

The Bell Junction marks the meeting point of Hoe Street, Forest Road and Chingford Road. The junction was completely re-designed in 2021/2022 to make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use.



20. The route ends at Fellowship Square, the site of Waltham Forest Town Hall, which will appear on your left.

FELLOWSHIP SQUARE

The Fellowship Square programme was a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a new neighbourhood and cultural centre in the heart of the borough. Located on the town hall site on Forest Road, the programme has refurbished and regenerated the much-loved historic buildings that made up the town hall complex and opened up the site to the community. In doing so, it has transformed the way the Council operates and delivers services to Waltham Forest residents.

Fellowship Square is building on the legacy of Waltham Forest being the first ever Mayor's London Borough of Culture in 2019. It is providing opportunities for new leisure, entertainment and learning spaces, shops and cafés, and providing jobs for local people and brand new, affordable homes prioritised for Waltham Forest residents.



THINGS TO DO AFTERWARDS?

Why not grab a coffee in the on-site café or relax beside the iconic water fountain – Fellowship Square hosts a wide variety of events so check their schedule and see what's on.

