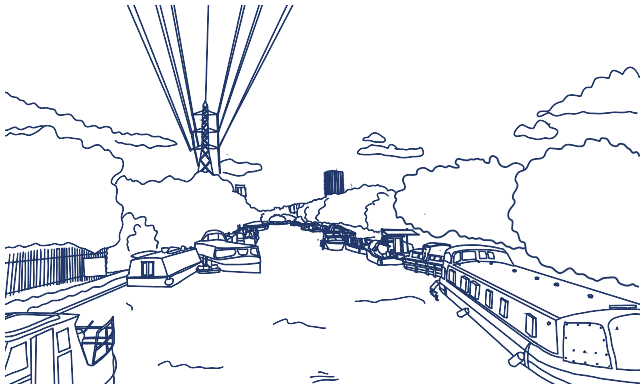




ROUTE 3

Waterside Walkabout

This route starts with a meander down the River Lea and through Tottenham Marshes before wandering through the Warner Estate and Lloyd Park in Walthamstow.



	Walking	Cycling
Distance	4.4 miles	
Time	70 minutes	25 minutes
Accessibility	The canal towpath is cobbled in places, and gravel in others. The route goes through Lloyd Park, which is only open during the day. If the park isn't open when you walk the route, it's simple to navigate around using Carr Road and Winns Terrace.	
How to get here	The route starts at Blackhorse Road station which can be reached by a number of bus routes (158, W11, 230) or on the Victoria Line or London Overground (Gospel Oak – Barking Riverside).	



This route begins at Blackhorse Road Station.

1. If exiting from Blackhorse Road station, turn left out of the main station entrance and immediately left again onto Forest Road. Ahead of you on both sides of the road are the tall, modern buildings.
2. Continue in the same direction down Forest Road, you will eventually pass one of the entrances to Walthamstow Wetlands on your right hand side.

WALTHAMSTOW WETLANDS

Walthamstow Wetlands offers a nice opportunity for a detour if you have time! The site is an operational reservoir, and also an internationally important nature reserve. Please note that only assistance dogs are allowed in the Wetlands.



3. Continue straight on until you cross the bridge over the River Lea Navigation, with canal boats on both sides. On the far side of the bridge, on your right, is a ramp which will take you down onto the canal towpath.
4. Continue straight on the towpath for a few minutes, until you reach Stonebridge Lock. Cross the bridge here onto the other side of the canal and continue.

Stonebridge Lock



- Onwards from Stonebridge Lock, look out for a green bridge on your right which provides access to Tottenham Marshes. Cross the bridge to enter the marsh.

Bridge to Tottenham Marsh



- Follow the main path through the marsh. At the end of the path you will come across the bridge over the River Lea. After crossing the bridge, continue on the path.
- The path will open up, and a quiet residential area will come into sight ahead. Turn left immediately as the path ends and continue down the adjacent path, which features trees overhanging. This path follows Banbury Reservoir to its left, although the water is not visible from the path.

- Continue with the reservoir on your left until the path which leads onto Durban Road appears (the second right turn). Walk up the hill and then left into Cheney Row Park.

CHENEY ROW PARK

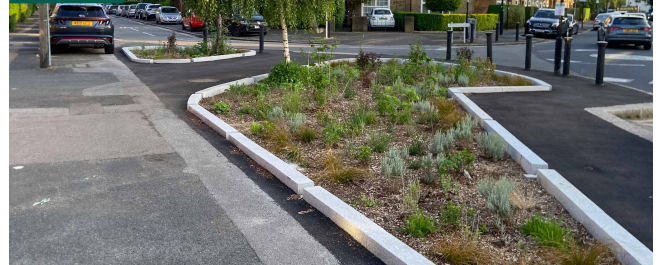
Cheney Row Park, a former landfill site, opened in 2019 to provide more public green space to residents in the area. In 2021 the project won a national award for the design of public space.

- Once in the park, walk towards the new housing development at the far end of the park. Follow the path into the housing development and walk directly through until you reach the busy Billet Road.
- Turn left onto Billet Road, and continue to the traffic lights. Cross the road here and walk straight onto North Countess Road opposite.
- When you reach the mini-roundabout on North Countess Road, bear left onto Ardleigh Road, past the recently installed rain garden.

NORTH COUNTESS ROAD RAIN GARDENS

North Countess Road rain gardens were installed as part of the Lloyd Park and Higham Hill Low Traffic Neighbourhood in 2023. As well as improving the look of the area, rain gardens are effective at reducing flood risk.

Rain garden



- At the next junction, continue straight onto Rushbrook Crescent. When you reach Brettenham Road, with its distinctive red brick Warner Estate houses, turn left.

THE WARNER ESTATE

The Warner Estate is a residential area built in the late 19th and early 20th century by the landowner Thomas Courtenay Warner. Built as social housing, these homes are renowned for their design quality and distinctive architectural style.

- Part way down Brettenham Road is a right turn that leads into Lloyd Park. Take it and keep walking straight in the same direction all the way through the park. At the far end of the park, you will walk past William Morris Gallery. Continue straight on past the gallery and onto the busy Forest Road.

WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY

William Morris Gallery is a public museum devoted to the life and legacy of the famous designer. In addition, the venue also holds various exhibitions and events. The building was the home of William Morris when he was a teenager and opened as a museum in 1950.



- Turn left onto Forest Road and continue until you reach The Bell Junction, with The Bell pub on the far side. Take the right turn at the junction onto Hoe Street.

- Continue on Hoe Street for around five minutes. You will eventually pass Soho Theatre on your right. Continue past the theatre until you reach Walthamstow High street.

SOHO THEATRE

Soho Theatre reopened in May 2025 following a £30 million refurbishment. The venue originally opened as a cinema in 1930 but eventually closed in 2003. In 2019, the venue was bought into public ownership, and work began to bring the building back into use. Following specialist restoration of the Grade II* listed former Granada Cinema building, new operators will manage the transformed space. The line-up includes comedy, theatre, cabaret, and panto, all in the 970-seat venue, meaning it will be a high-profile, high-quality cultural asset to the borough.

- When you reach the junction with Walthamstow High Street, turn right and then keep an eye out on your left for the cut through path which leads into Walthamstow Central bus and underground station!

THINGS TO DO AFTERWARDS?

Why not reward yourself with a coffee or a bite to eat in one of the many cafés and restaurants on the High Street or at The Scene.



Route length: 4.4 miles

