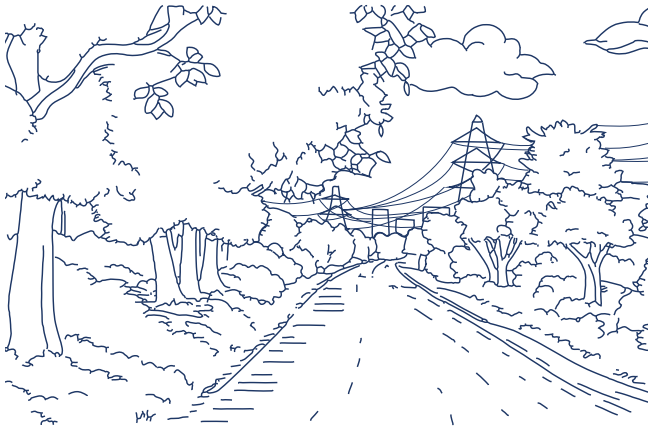




ROUTE 2

Mosey on the Marsh

This walk explores green spaces including Leyton Jubilee Park, Walthamstow Wetlands and Leyton Marshes offering opportunities for detours and picnic stops in these iconic locations.



	Walking	Cycling
Distance	4 miles	
Time	80 to 90 minutes	25 to 30 minutes

Accessibility

This route is not step free. There are steps in Leyton Jubilee Park and on the footbridge over Orient Way. To make this route step-free, it is recommended to start on Lea Bridge Road.

How to get here

The start of the route is on the 58 and 158 bus routes. The nearest stop is Villiers Close.

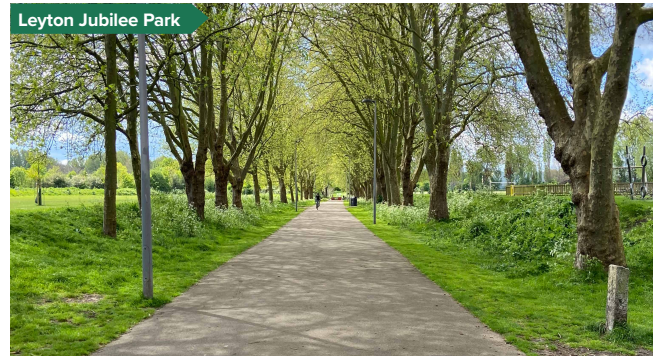


The route starts on Ive Farm Close at the junction with Church Road in Leyton. This is just down the road from Leyton Fire Station.

1. Starting at the junction with Church Road, walk down Ive Farm Close all the way to the end. At the end of the road, continue past the gate onto Pavilion Walk and into 'Feel Good Too' Community Sports Centre.

IVE FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ive Farm Community Garden, located on your right at the end of Ive Farm Close, opened in 2016 and is a thriving community garden where local residents are able to grow food and get to know members of their community.



2. Continue straight down the path through the sports centre. At the end of the path, descend the stairs and turn right onto the Dagenham Brook path, which runs alongside the brook.
3. When you reach the end of the path, turn left and cross the bridge over the brook, before turning right and following the path along the brook once again. You may spot a pillar here which is part of the Christopher Robbins Woodland Walk.

CHRISTOPHER ROBBINS WOODLAND WALK

The Christopher Robbins Woodland Walk is a walking trail through The Leyton Jubilee Park and along Dagenham Brook.

Councillor Christopher Robbins served the Waltham Forest community from 2002 to 2021 in various roles.

The woodland walk has been created in his memory and to reflect his interest in the local area, and the natural environment, his passion for quality green spaces for everyone to access and enjoy, as well as his commitment and service to the local area and diverse communities, including his work with children and young people.

Along the route, information pillars provide interesting and surprising facts about the physical, natural and social history of the place.

4. You will eventually emerge behind the café building in Leyton Jubilee Park. Turn left here down the main path through the park, with the pirate ship playground on your right.
5. When you come out at the far side of the park, take the path immediately on your right which runs parallel to Orient Way.
6. Once you arrive at the footbridge, take it to go over Orient Way and the train tracks. On the other side of the bridge take the path straight across the open grass. At the far end of the open field you will come into a more wooded area.

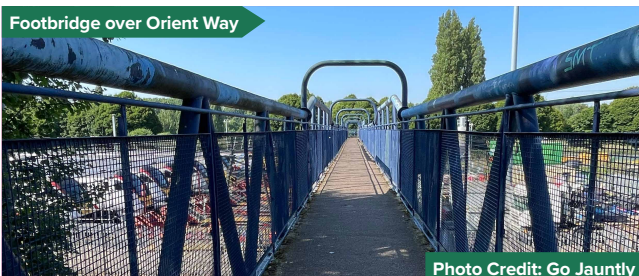


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7. When you reach the end of the path, you will see a small bridge (Friends Bridge) on your left. Instead of going over the bridge, turn right.

FRIENDS BRIDGE

Friends Bridge is a popular crossing point over the River Lea, which was once upon a time the frontier between Anglo-Saxon England and the Viking Danelaw. Through the centuries, this natural boundary has acted as the border between Middlesex and Essex, and most recently between the London boroughs of Hackney and Waltham Forest.

8. Eventually, you will come to a fork in the path. Here, take the left fork which crosses underneath Lea Bridge Road. On the other side of the underpass, continue straight on along the path through Leyton Marshes.

THE LEE VALLEY RIDING CENTRE

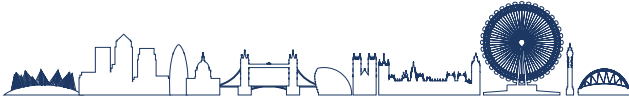
The Lee Valley Riding Centre is on your right (if you keep your eyes peeled you can spot horses on the other side of the fence), and through the trees on your left is the Lee Valley Ice Centre. This path is also part of National Cycle Network route 1, which runs from Dover to Scotland!

9. At the far end of the path, a railway viaduct will come into view. Continue on the path underneath.
10. At the end of the marshes, you will come to Coppermill car park. Go through the car park and turn right onto Coppermill Lane. This road is shared between vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. You will come across an entrance to Walthamstow Wetlands on your left.

WALTHAMSTOW WETLANDS

Walthamstow Wetlands nature reserve is well worth a visit if it's open and you have time for a detour. If not, make sure to come back another day!

11. Continue along Coppermill Lane. As you walk, keep a look out for views of skyscrapers at both Canary Wharf and the city of London on your right. Please note no dogs are allowed on the Wetlands Site (except assistance dogs) – as even the best-behaved dogs can frighten wildlife and disrupt habitats.



WHAT TO DO AFTERWARDS?

Depending on your onwards journey, you can either walk to Blackhorse Road or St. James Street.

- For Blackhorse Road, take the first left onto Edward Road. At the end of Edward Road, turn right onto Hawarden Road and then turn left onto Blackhorse Road.
- For St. James Street, continue to the end of Coppermill Lane before turning right onto St. James Street.

Or continue walking up Walthamstow High Street and explore Walthamstow Market and the local businesses and cafés.

WALTHAMSTOW MARKET (OPEN TUESDAY TO SATURDAY)

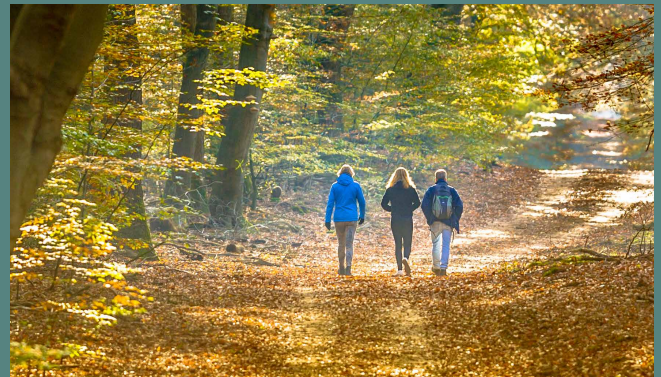
Walthamstow Market started in 1885 and is now Europe's longest outdoor street market, spanning a kilometre of the High Street. As well as stalls selling food, clothes and household goods, you'll find cafés offering tasty treats from around the world. Expect everything from Caribbean curried goat to Cockney pie and mash, and even jellied eels!

Feel Good Walks

Would you like to join a walking group?

Our Feel Good Walks are suitable for anyone to join and are **FREE**. They provide a great way for people to get out and about, meet new people and explore some of the beautiful green spaces Waltham Forest has to offer.

Walks are led by trained volunteers and take place across the borough with options for shorter and slower-paced walks. To find out more, or to join a walk, please visit the Walking for Health website.





Route length: 4 miles

