

# Better Haringey



## Trail Guide

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# Introduction

In autumn 2003, Haringey Council launched a £5 million drive to clean up the borough. It was a direct result of residents putting 'crime and grime' at the top of their list of concerns. It's called Better Haringey and funding has risen to some £20 million.

The winning Best New Suggestion in the Better Haringey Awards 2004 was to create a borough-wide heritage and environmental trail for everyone in Haringey to enjoy. The trail highlights many of the improvements made as part of the Better Haringey programme.

We want to improve our borough – but we need the help of everyone who lives and works in Haringey to keep it clean, to use recycling facilities and to look after our local environment. Please use the key contact numbers provided on the map at the back of this guide to report dumped rubbish, graffiti, problem vehicles, faulty streetlights and broken pavements or to ask questions you have on recycling.

We hope you enjoy the Better Haringey Trail!

## Key to icons used in this guide:



Historical point of interest



Better Haringey Did you know

# Explore with our guide

This guide provides directions and information for the route and indicates points of environmental and historical interest along the way.

You can walk all or part of the 12 mile long trail. There are bus stops along the route if you would like to take a break and join the trail at a later point. There are plenty of places to stop along the way. Enjoy the walk at your own pace and take time to consider the following:

- Make sure that you are suitably dressed for walking and bring waterproofs if necessary
- Ensure shoes are comfortable
- Layered clothing is suggested as you can peel off each layer as you need to
- Your body temperature can cool down quickly after exercise so it is always wise to have an extra layer with you
- Try and walk heel – toe
- Always try and use your stomach and core to walk straight and pull shoulders back
- Stay hydrated and if it is hot, carry a small water bottle between stopping points
- The talk test – stay at your own pace, a good indication of this is being able to talk as you walk
- Food should be consumed an hour before walking
- If you are planning on taking part in the whole walk take a few snacks for emergency energy!

*Participants need to be aware that the Council cannot accept liability for any loss or damage to individual property or possessions which occurs on this Trail. The Council cannot accept responsibility for any personal injury which occurs on this Trail unless this arises as a result of the negligence of the Council.*

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Start off outside the front of Bruce Castle Museum in Bruce Castle Park.



Originally the manor house for Tottenham, Bruce Castle is 500 years old, set in 20 acres of parkland. It is one of two of Haringey's only Grade 1 listed historic buildings – and is the only one open to the public. The park opened in 1892 as Tottenham's first public park. The house became a museum in 1906 and is now Haringey's local history museum and archive.

Set off down Bruce Grove on the left hand side past the Drapers' Almshouses in Edmanson's Close. Turn left into Hartham Road. At the bottom of this road turn left into Newlyn Road and immediately right into Pembury Road under the railway bridge. Now cross Tottenham High Road via the pelican crossing, turn left and enter Scotland Green. Continue through Scotland Green past the Victoria Free House, a number of modest early 19th century cottages and 'watering holes' such as the tiny Two Brewers public house. Walk along the footpath on the right hand side of Hartington Park. Cross Hollington Road and enter the wide, and attractively named, Carbuncle Passage.



This wide alleyway runs above the Moselle River and was previously called Garbell Ditch. The Moselle River once ran over ground through Haringey from its source in Muswell Hill, through to Tottenham and the River Lea.



**Did you know:** Over £1.5 million is spent on re-newing and repairing roads, pavements and street furniture each year?

At the end of Carbuncle Passage cross directly over Shelbourne Road into what looks like a dead end but actually leads to the footbridges that take you over the Victoria line sidings, the main line railway to Cambridge and Stansted and finally Watermead Way onto Tottenham Marshes. On Tottenham Marshes take the leftmost footpath towards the car park at Stonebridge Lock. Make a point of visiting the various information points, 'heritage towers' made by local schools and other objects around the car park.



This path more or less follows the route of the desperadoes of the Tottenham Outrage of 1909 – the Edwardian crime that shocked Britain. This is also the site of the Tottenham Outdoor Pool (1905 – 1938) or 'lido' as well as being Haringey's first (and only) airfield! The 'JAP monoplane' is displayed in the Science Museum and was designed, built and flown in Tottenham. Its inspiration was John A Prestwich the local engineering innovator, who established his JAP motor engineering works in Northumberland Park. The first flight of his monoplane from Tottenham Marshes was on 10th April 1910.



**Did you know:** 99% of residents in Haringey have access to recycling services? In addition to kerbside recycling and bring banks, we now have two re-use and recycling centres in Haringey, open every day.

From the car park head through to Stonebridge Lock, where you can visit the Waterside Centre on the left hand side. To continue on the trail turn right and head south down the towpath past the lock. Walk alongside the River Lea past Tottenham Lock and under Ferry Lane. At this point you can visit the Paddock Community Nature Park – a haven for wildlife – by crossing over the River Lea via Ferry Lane. Otherwise continue down the towpath to Markfield Recreation Ground.



The GLS Site and Ferry Lane estate on the right were once the site of the Harris Lebus factory – then the largest furniture manufacturers in the world. You can find out more about local history at Bruce Castle museum – Tel 020 8808 8772.

Turn right off the towpath and walk into Markfield Park by the concrete channels that were once the filter beds for the Tottenham Sewerage works. Continue along the path straight ahead.



The large building on the right now houses the Markfield Project, but was originally the pump house for the works. The Markfield Beam Engine is faithfully preserved and is open to the public occasionally. Markfield Park takes its name from the fields marking the historical boundary between Tottenham and Hackney.



**Did you know:** You can help keep your area clean and tidy by joining our existing 120 Community Volunteers? You will receive a free information pack to help you report problems, a regular newsletter and be invited to talks with guest speakers. Telephone 020 8489 5625 to find out more or email [volunteers@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@haringey.gov.uk)

Continue along Crowland Road past the school and then turn left into Elm Park Avenue, then turning third right into Gladesmore Road. Continue along this road and cross the High Road at the pelican crossing at the junction with St. Ann's Road near to the church.



This area of South Tottenham towards Stamford Hill was a favourite haunt of highwaymen like Dick Turpin.



**Did you know:** Over £4 million have been invested in estate improvements in the last year? This has delivered 900 new lighting improvements, 55 door entry systems (including 20 completely new systems), 14 new award winning (RIBA) recycling bring sites and landscaping and play works on 26 sites.

Walk along St. Ann's Road until you get to Eastbourne Road beside the new Plevna and Triangle Children's Centre Development. Turning left into this road divert right across the grass of the Paignton Road Open Space.



This area is roughly the site of an old field called Clayhangers which is one of the possible locations in Tottenham for the battle between Vikings and Saxons under Edmund Ironside in 1013 that took place at Clayehangra. (The other site is around the New River Sports Stadium).



**Did you know:** Anyone caught littering can be fined up to £75 with a "fixed penalty notice"? Use one of 1000 new litter bins across the borough to dispose of your rubbish.

Having crossed Paignton Road Open Space, turn left into Richmond Road and then at the T junction turn right into Vartry Road. Note the Almshouses on the right and continue through until you reach the Seven Sisters Road. Turn right and carefully cross the Seven Sisters Road by the pelican crossing, turning left on the other side to continue up the road. Turn right into Eade Road.



**Did you know:** 60,000 square metres of graffiti have been removed since the start of the Better Haringey programme? Obscene graffiti is removed in 24 hours or less and general graffiti is removed in three days or less.



To the left and above is the New River. The New River, which is neither new nor a river, is a man-made watercourse, built by Sir Hugh Myddleton. It was opened in 1613 to bring fresh water from Hertfordshire to the City of London.



**Did you know:** Haringey's award winning parking service offers a free Take Back scheme for residents who cannot dispose of their vehicles? Last year over 1,400 abandoned vehicles were removed and over 1,900 untaxed cars removed or clamped to keep our streets safer.

Follow along the entire length of Eade Road all the way to its junction with Hermitage Road. Turn left and turn left again when you reach Green Lanes to cross the road on the pelican crossing.

*(At this point, if you wish to walk a shortened version of the Trail you can turn right up Green Lanes and then take a left turn onto Umfreville Road. Join Haringay Passage from Umfreville Road and follow the passage through to*

*Turnpike Lane. Harringay Passage is an unusual pathway through the residential area known as “The Ladder” because of the way the numerous parallel streets look from the air or on a map. Cross Turnpike Lane and join Alexandra Road (ahead on the left). Continue along Alexandra Road until you reach Wood Green High Road. Alternatively, follow the Harringay Passage until Allison Road. Turn left and follow to the junction with Wightman Road where you can join the newly opened walk along the New River to Hertfordshire. Follow this as far as Station Road and follow to Wood Green High Road. For either route, walk up the High Road until you reach the Civic Centre on the left. See page 10 to pick up route directions).*

Continue up the slope of Green Lanes (away from the parade of shops in Green Lanes) to enter Finsbury Park via the nearest Gate. Follow the path straight up, to the left of the sports ground and the lake. Finsbury Park was opened in 1869 and is one of Haringey’s largest parks. It is a Grade 2 listed park. Walk past the new public toilets keeping to the left of the café following the gentle downhill slope keeping the new tennis courts to your left and cross the railway main line via the footbridge. Divert off to the right at the end of the footbridge to join the Parkland Walk.



This fine green corridor was once a railway, built in 1867 as part of the Finsbury Park to Edgware line. Public pressure ensured that the majority of the line was preserved as a green corridor and encompasses a rich variety of habitats.



**Did you know:** Haringey’s Eyesores Programme has helped clear transport centres, railway land, bridges and industrial areas of rubbish, litter and overgrowing vegetation?

Proceeding along the Parkland Walk, which is approximately 2 miles long, notice the remains of the old railway line along its entire length – from railway platforms to viaducts and sidings. At the end of the Parkland Walk

head up the slope, emerging onto Holmesdale Road. Turn right and walk up the steep road to Archway Road. Turn right onto Archway Road and cross the junction with Shepherd's Hill to continue down into Highgate Tube Station.

Continue through the Tube station and up again to arrive at Priory Gardens. Follow Priory Gardens until it starts to slope uphill and you see a signed footpath to the left which will take you steeply down to the southern part of Queen's Wood.



Queen's Wood, renamed in 1898 from Church Bottom Wood, was described by WH Hudson as 'the wildest and most picturesque spot in North London'.

At the bottom, turn left up the steps to join the Capital Ring route. Follow the route, which is clearly signposted, crossing over Queen's Wood Road and onwards until you pass the Old Keeper's Lodge (where there is a café) and exit Queen's Wood.

Emerge onto Muswell Hill Road and cross the road via the pelican crossing to enter Highgate Wood.



Both Highgate Wood (formerly known as Brew House Wood) and Queen's Wood are remnants of the Great Forest of Middlesex and are ancient woodlands. Roman pottery kilns were excavated in Highgate Woods in the late 1960s – the kiln and finds are now in Bruce Castle Museum.

At New Gate, take the right-hand path. At the path crossroads continue straight following the signs for the café and toilets. At the second crossroads you may wish to take a left to visit the café and toilets, otherwise, turn right and head down to the drinking fountain. At the fountain, turn left and continue along the path. Turn right at the gates,

remaining in the wood, and continue along the path. The path will slope down to Cranley Gate where you should exit.

Turn left and almost immediately divert left again to join the path that descends to rejoin the route of the Parkland Walk and passes underneath the road using the old railway bridge. Continue along the Parkland Walk until the path has crossed under Muswell Hill itself and turns steeply to the right to take us into The Grove, part of Alexandra Palace Park.



The Grove is named after the mansion that occupied the site from the mid 18th century until it was demolished to make way for the branch line to Alexandra Palace in the 1870s.



**Did you know:** Haringey now has seven award winning “Green Flag” parks?

- Albert Road Recreation Ground – Wood Green;
  - Bruce Castle Park – Tottenham;
  - Chapmans Green – Wood Green;
  - Downhills Park – South Tottenham;
  - Priory Park – Crouch End;
  - Stationers Park – Hornsey;
  - Railway Fields Local Nature Reserve – Green Lanes;
- have all been awarded in recognition of achieving and maintaining excellent standards.

Keeping to the left-hand path through the Grove, descend past the car park on the right and head towards Alexandra Palace itself. Toilets are provided just off the Palm Court entrance during Palace opening times. Follow the access road around to the right and walk around the front of the Palace.



The park opened first in 1866 but the palace finally opened on Queen Victoria's birthday, 24th May 1873.

Cross the main car park at Alexandra Palace and head downhill through the Rose Garden. Continue downhill and turn right when you meet the main path before taking a left to continue downhill under the trees meeting the main road shortly before Alexandra Palace Station. Cross the road and continue over the mainline via the railway footbridge.



**Did you know:** The Gardens Community Garden (Doncaster Gardens N4) and Bowes Park Community Garden (Myddleton Road, N22) are now winners of the prestigious Green Pennant Award? This national award recognises high quality green spaces managed by voluntary and community groups.

Cross Buckingham Road via the pelican crossing and continue on past The Gate pub along St. Michael's Terrace and follow the path ahead to the open space to reach Bounds Green Road. Turn right and cross the road via the pelican crossing. Walk over the Green and turn right onto Trinity Road. Continue along this road passing behind the Civic Centre crossing the pelican crossing on the High Road. Turn right and then left by the nightclub to enter White Hart Lane.



White Hart Lane was a rural lane until the early 1930s and is still pleasantly open on its western end. Follow White Hart Lane past parks and recreation grounds. The clay of Haringey has long been used to make bricks and pots.



**Did you know:** £4.5 million have been invested in state-of-the-art leisure facilities at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre, Park Road Leisure Centre and the White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre?

Pass by the White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre. Just beyond St George's Industrial Estate cross into Rivulet Road and continue until the end. Walk through to the Great Cambridge Road and turn left to cross the footbridge over this main trunk road. Continue up from the footbridge on the other side to rejoin White Hart Lane by turning right into it. Follow White Hart Lane until the gated main entrance to Tottenham Cemetery is reached, near to the Remembrance Garden. If open, enter the cemetery here and follow the main path around to the left. This will lead to the main (iron-fence edged) footpath through the cemetery (Church Path) – turning right into it. This path is an ancient rural way that will take you directly to All Hallow, Tottenham's original Parish Church. If closed, continue along White Hart Lane until you reach the entrance to the Church Path.



The church is medieval and is Grade 2\* listed. There has been a church on this site since the 12th century when King David of Scotland bestowed the church on the Canons of Holy Trinity London in 1134 – but the current building dates from the 14th Century with numerous additions. It is connected through its history with the manor house at Bruce Castle – with the lords of the manor being important benefactors.

Continue around the church through the old graveyard to meet Church Lane. Turn right onto the Lane and look through the gates of the parish vicarage known as The Priory, on the right.



This building is based on a very old farmhouse and was modified in 1619 by Robert Fenton, a London barber-surgeon. The interior has surviving 17th Century plasterwork as well as 18th century fire surrounds and stairs.

Cross Church Lane and re-enter Bruce Castle Park where the trail began.

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