

Description of 2022 Walk 39 Route going anti-clockwise

Abbreviations:

w, n – west, north etc.

r, l – right, left

(ep) – use east pavement, etc. (especially wheelchairs)

zc – zebra crossing

cl – use crossing lights

Q – quiz question

Route anticlockwise

Exit **BG Mission**, go s through Paradise Gardens (Q), and at Bethnal Green Station use cl to cross Bethnal Green Rd, then turn r and go w along Bethnal Green Rd (sp).

Proceed w (sp) to Wilmot St, turn l (wp), go s until just before Finnis St (on l) you see narrow alley on r, turn r.

Go w through alley into Weavers Fields, continue w past monument (Q) and eventually reach Vallance Rd.

Turn r, use zc, and just to n turn l under arch to go w along path through flats.

Do a dog-leg l to maintain direction w until **St Matthew's** comes into view beyond Sale St.

From **St Matthew's** proceed n (ep) along St Matthew's Row [short stretch in road for wheelchairs].

Use zc to cross Bethnal Green Rd (Q), turn l to cross Turin St, then immediately r up Turin St (wp).

At first opportunity turn l to take route through flats, maintaining general direction w crossing a car park diagonally to reach Tomlinson Close until eventually arriving at Brick Lane.

Cross and turn r, go n (wp) then bending l (sp) with Brick Lane to reach and cross Swanfield St.

Turn r, go n (wp) a fraction, then turn l into Palissy St (sp) to arrive at Arnold Circus.

Follow round the south east quarter of the Circus, turn l into Club Row and proceed s (ep or wp).

At Bethnal Green Rd use cl, then turn r and go w (sp), turning l into Braithwaite St just before BOXPARK.

Go s passing Shoreditch High St Station, then Braithwaite St becomes Wheler St (ep).

[Wheelchairs in road on cobbles for short stretch under bridge.]

At Commercial St turn l, continuing s (ep) past Spitalfields Market (Q) to arrive at Christchurch.

From Christchurch go e along Fournier St (sp) (Q) and at the end (Q) turn r into Brick Lane (wp).

Go s looking out for a narrow arch opposite "Salad Box" and turn r.

Wiggle your way w and s through two dog-legs to reach another arch (Q) emerging onto Wentworth St.

Proceed w, turning l into Commercial St and go s (ep) passing Toynbee Hall to reach Whitechapel Rd.

Turn l, go e (np) passing Aldgate East Station and Whitechapel Gallery (Q), use cl to cross Whitechapel Rd.

Continue e along Whitechapel Road (sp) passing lots of interesting things (3Q) including East London Mosque and Whitechapel Mission.

Some time after passing Whitechapel Station (n side) you reach the Cambridge Heath Rd/Sidney St intersection. Use cl to cross the road.

Use cl to reach Mile End Rd (np) and go e a little way to the Booth statues (Q). Use cl to cross Mile End Rd and go through an arch, using O'Leary square to reach Adelina Grove. Cross and turn r (sp)

Having reached Sidney St (ep) (Q). Continue s, crossing when you can safely (to wp) and go s all the way to Commercial Rd.

Do a dog's leg to the r to use cl, crossing Commercial Rd at Watney Market (Q) and then turning l (sp) until you arrive at St Mary & St Michael RC Church.

Leaving the Church continue e, crossing (to np) where it is safe to do so as far as Arbour Square.

Turn l, going up Arbour Square (ep), turning right (still Arbour Square) (sp), then left to cross to the (wp) of the east side of Arbour Square. Go n, then cross the road to continue n along East Arbour St (ep) and Wellesley St (ep). [Wheelchairs will need to use the road or the (wp) in Wellesley St to avoid kerbs.]

At Stepney Way (near the mosque) turn r and go e (sp) (Q).

Cross carefully at the roundabout to go into St Dunstan's churchyard.
Passing the church, take the tree-lined avenue to the r to reach the gate at the south east corner.
Here turn l into the park area and go north east past the sculpture.
Continue n a little way, past the pillared building and the ducks (Q) to see the blue plaque (Q) commemorating Barnardo's work.

Now continue n between the shops (wp), soon arriving at Ben Jonson Road. You want to go into Bermuda Way, opposite, but you will need to go l (sp) a little way to use the zc. And return along Ben Jonson Road (np). Turn l into the wide passage between the flats and go n along Bermuda Way to Dongola Road, turning r (sp). Then go north along Harford Street (wp) until you reach Shandy Park. Find your way diagonally across the park to reach Duckett Street. Go on n (ep) to Ernest Street, crossing and turning r (np) to arrive at until you arrive at Latimer Congregational Church.

From Latimer Congregational Church continue e into Solbay Street (np or road), cross the canal, go through the park and use the zc to cross Burdett Road. Turn l (ep) to reach East London Tabernacle (Unlock Base Checkpoint).

[Option] There is the chance here to make an additional excursion to the east to explore the East London Community Land Trust.

[From ELT wheelchair users have an alternative route avoiding steps to join the canal towpath.]

From ELT go a little way n to use the cl to re-cross Burdett Rd and climb the steps opposite.
At the top turn r to cross the Green Bridge and then follow the path down to join the canal towpath.
Continue n along the towpath until just beyond a footbridge (Q) you can swing r (up steps or ramp as appropriate) to cross the footbridge. Then continue following the main path without deviation maintaining a west or north-west direction to an arch at the north-west corner of the park (Q), leading out to Usk St.
Turn r to go n up Usk St to Roman Rd. [Wheelchairs may need to use the road for a short stretch in Usk St.]
At Roman Rd use cl to cross Roman Rd, then again to cross the foot of Bonner St. Turn r up Bonner St (wp).
Take the third l turn into Cyprus St (sp) and go west (Q).

As Cyprus St continues beyond motor access maintain direction to reach Moravian Street. Here turn l (ep) and go s to Gawber Street. Turn r (np) to Globe Road. Cross and maintain direction w into Sugar Loaf Passage, and then cross into Museum Passage.

Go w along this path (Q) which leads you out to cl to cross Cambridge Heath Rd to arrive at BG Mission.

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