



# Three Royal Parks The Heart of London



Walk 1.5hrs (5.75km)



Total Ascent 14 m



Highest Point 22 m

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# Welcome

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This contains all the handy information: how to get there, points of interest and pubs, stations etc. Make sure you have plenty of battery!



## THREE ROYAL PARKS

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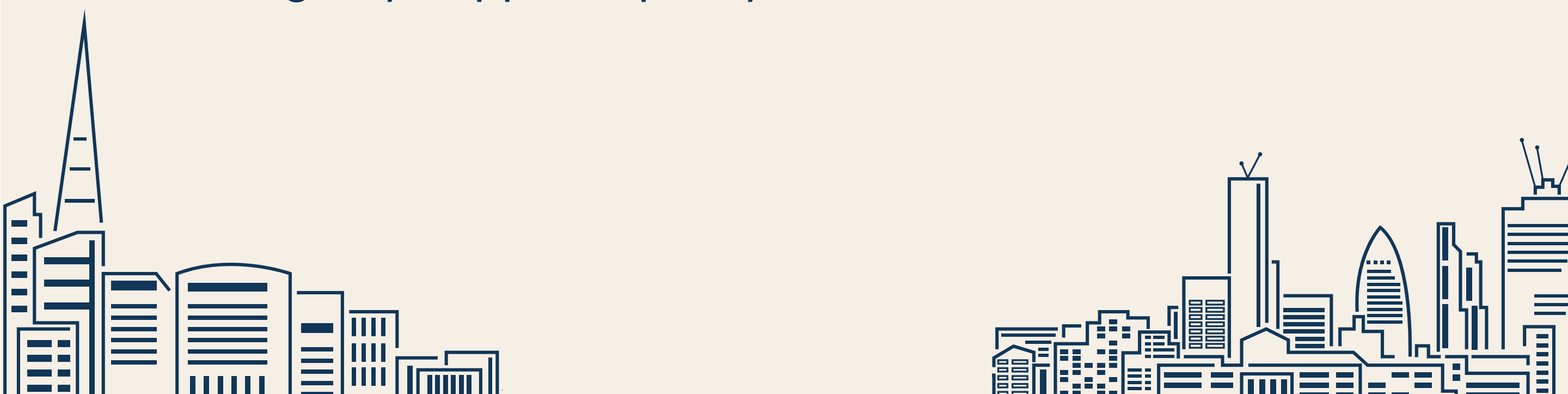
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# Getting There



## London Underground

Start at St James's Park Underground, the station is served by the District and Circle lines. We recommend using Citymapper to plan your route to the station.





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# Walk Summary

Within minutes of exiting the tube station, you are in central London's answer to paradise. Combining the parks creates a 1.5 hour escape.

Enjoy lakes, bird life and song, public art works and memorials, beautiful trees, gardens and fountains. You also experience two palaces from a new angle and many more iconic sights too numerous to list. There are cafés located all along the route with a perfect pub at the end.



## Points of interest

To learn more about each of these points, [tap here](#) and find the relevant waypoint in the OS map app.



### ST JAMES'S PARK STATION

St James's park opened on Christmas Eve of 1868. Head for the exit signposted "Park and Broadway".



### DUCK ISLAND

This cottage was built in 1841 to house the park's resident bird-keeper.



### THE BLUE BRIDGE

Don't got over the bridge, but definitely go on it to see the wonderful views of Buckingham Palace.

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE



There are around 350 clocks in the palace. Two full time horologists are employed to keep them ticking.



## WELLINGTON ARCH



First completed in 1830, the arch was moved by 800m in 1880 to make way for a new road.



## THE ROSE GARDEN

It is worth detouring through the rose gardens, an oasis of calm in the middle of a busy city.



## THE SERPENTINE BAR & KITCHEN

Grab something to go, or sit down for something more substantial in the most incredible setting.



## THE SERPENTINE LAKE

Created in 1730 by Queen Caroline. You can swim from May to early September, don't forget your towel!



## KENSINGTON PALACE

We recommend taking a brief detour to your left to enjoy a great view of Kensington Palace.



## FINISH AT LANCASTER GATE STATION

Before you head home, reward yourself with a pint at The Swan, just left of the tube station!



# TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of wildlife to look out for on this walk:



## Squirrels

St James' park squirrels are incredibly tame and will walk right up to you!

## Mandarin Duck

A beautiful, unmistakable bird originally from the far east.



## Pelican

A gift in 1664 from the Russian Ambassador. They are fed next to Duck Island Cottage at 2:30pm.



# Plan B

## CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

Your never more than 10 minutes walk from a road in the parks, from there you can order a taxi home.



## Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.  
CREATED BY OUR LOCAL CURATOR, PETER.**







# What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your walk as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of walk available to you on: [portal](#)

## STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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