

WALTHAM FOREST WALKING AND CYCLING TRAILS: ROUTE 2

Walk, Cycle and explore Waltham Forest's roads and pathways and take a glimpse of the former homes of the borough's celebrities and influential people.

Route 2 takes a trail of discovery past the homes of Harry Beck • David Bailey • Fanny Craddock • Damon Albarn • Stuart Freeborn and David Beckham.



Walking time: 30 to 60 minutes

Cycling time: 30 minutes

Trail conditions: Mostly on quiet residential streets

Trail start point: Leyton Midland Road Station

Trail end point: Leytonstone High Road Station

**WALK
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WALTHAM FOREST

START — LEYTON MIDLAND STATION



Turn right out of the station onto Midland Road



Take the first right onto Wesley Road.



At the end of Wesley Road turn right onto Leigh Road and take the immediate left onto Forest Drive West



At the end of Forest Drive West turn right onto Essex Road then turn left at the end of the street onto Hainault Road



Take the first right onto Woodriffe Road and turn right onto Walwood Road.



Continue walking until you get to the corner of Fairlop Road.

14 Wesley Road E10 - The home of Harry Beck

Henry Charles Beck (1902 to 1974) is one of London's unsung heroes and finding your way here you will, no doubt, have used some of his work.

Harry was born at 14 Wesley Road and was a draughtsman in the London Underground Signals Office. In his spare time he drew a map of the underground network and presented it to his bosses in 1931. It wasn't immediately popular and not until after a successful trial in 1932 was it promoted by London Underground the following year.

69 Walwood Road – The home of David Bailey

Here you will see a blue plaque on the former home of the world famous photographer David Bailey. During his career Bailey was credited along with Terence Donovan and Brian Duffy (collectively known as 'the Black Trinity') for helping capture the 'Swinging London' of the 1960s. He photographed many famous faces in his 'box of pin-ups' of 60s icons including the Beatles, Terence Stamp, Mick Jagger and east end gangsters the Krays.

Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road The home of Fanny Craddock

Here you will find the home where celebrated TV Chef Fanny Craddock was born. Fanny is known for introducing the nation to food from countries such as France and Italy and inventing the prawn cocktail.



Turn left onto Fairlop Road and take the second right onto Bulwer Road



Take the first left onto Chelmsford Road and turn right onto Fillebrook Road.



21 Fillebrook Road

The home of Damon Albarn

Number 21 was the home of Damon Albarn (1968-present), famous for being the singer of the indie pop band Blur. He was born at nearby Whippys Cross Hospital and lived at 21 Fillebrook Road before moving to Colchester with his family.

Blur have been performing since the early 1990s selling millions of records and were a pillar of the Britpop movement of the 1990s. In 2014, Damon released a solo album called Everyday Robots which is written about his life, including growing up in Leytonstone.

A Waltham Forest blue plaque was unveiled in October 2014 by Cllr Clyde Loakes and to mark the occasion of his solo album, Damon performed secret gigs in the nearby Old Red Lion on Leytonstone High Road (which is about a 10 minute stroll from the end of this walk).

DID YOU KNOW? FILLEBROOK ROAD IS NAMED AFTER THE PHILLY BROOK RIVER WHICH RAN CLOSE TO THE ROAD UNTIL IT WAS PIPED UNDERGROUND. IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY ON NEARBY SOUTHWEST OR QUEENS ROAD YOU CAN APPARENTLY HEAR THE WATER FLOWING BENEATH YOU.



Turn left onto Drayton Road, continue a short distance to Grove Green Road and cross over onto the other side of the road.



Turn right towards the bridge and on your left you will see the stunning Star Wars mural dedicated to Stuart Freeborn

Grove Green Road

The home of Stuart Freeborn

Stuart Freeborn (5 September 1914 – 5 February 2013) was born in Leytonstone and quickly became interested in make-up for theatre and film. He struggled to get into the industry and was 'found' while pulling an elaborate stunt where he dressed as Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and drove around Beckenham (south London) in a car.

In years to come he was the make-up supervisor for the Superman Films but is most famous for his work on Star Wars when he was responsible for all of the characters including Chewbacca and Yoda (known to be based on himself and Albert Einstein), the Ewoks and the original Jabba the Hutt puppet.

IF YOU'RE WALKING



Continue down Grove Green road until you get to Dyers Hall Road (South) on your left



Take the footbridge over the A12 exiting onto Norman Road



Turn right and stop at 155

IF YOU'RE CYCLING



Continue down Grove Green Road, turn left at the Cathall Road junction and cycle over the A12



Continue to the first roundabout, turn left onto Marchant Road, left again onto Mayville Road



At the top of the road turn right into Norman Road.

155 Norman Road The home of David Beckham

This house was the first house that David Beckham lived in - former England Captain and mid-fielder for Manchester United, Real Madrid, AC Milan, Paris Saint Germain and L.A Galaxy.



Once you've daydreamed about being David or Victoria walk or cycle back towards the footbridge passing it on your left



Take the first right into Woodlands Road then take the first left down Granleigh Road, ahead you will see Leytonstone High Road Station



END
LEYTONSTONE
HIGH ROAD STATION

Want to keep going? Walk or cycle a bit further to take in more sights of Leytonstone or enjoy the many local cafes and pubs.

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