

Arts and Crafts



This walking and cycling route begins at Walthamstow Central Station. It can be easily made into a day out by spending time in the museums, shops, restaurants or pubs along the way. Most of the places of interest are open by about 10.30am/ 11am at weekends. We'll leave the planning up to you but have provided links to some of the places of interest along the way.

	Walking	Cycling
Distance	3.5 miles	
Time	1 hour	20 to 25 minutes
Conditions	Mostly on footways on quiet roads. The section to/ from St Mary's Church and the Town Hall has one hill.	Mostly on quiet roads with short sections on main roads with cycle lanes. The section to/ from St Mary's Church and the Town Hall has one hill.

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Special Information	The route is pretty easy going and mostly on quiet roads. The two sections on main roads are busy but involve only travelling straight or turning left so shouldn't be too difficult for most cyclists. Alternative quiet routes are provided where possible.	
Public transport	The start of this route can be easily accessed by public transport. Selborne Road is next to Walthamstow Central Station, served by the Victoria Line, London Overground and numerous local bus services.	

The route starts in Selborne Road next to Town Square Gardens and Walthamstow Central Station.

- 1) Head east along Selborne Road and straight over the junction with Hoe Street, down the ramp/ stairs into St Mary Road.
- 2) Continue along St Mary Road and take your first right onto West Avenue and over the bridge.
- 3) At the end of West Avenue turn left into Orford Road.



**Wall mural on West Avenue Bridge,
by Wood Street Walls**

Shopping

If vintage shopping is your thing, once you've made your way past the shops you might want to make a detour into Beulah Road too. On Saturday the Beulah Road Market is held here between 11am and 4pm.

- 4) Follow Orford Road round the corner to the left and take the first right into Summit Road. Go to the end of the cul-de sac and through the gate into the Ravenswood Industrial Estate. If the gate isn't open head back the way you came, turn left down Beulah Road and left again into Addison Road. Follow Addison Road to the end, turn left into Shernhall Street, then immediately into Ravenswood Estate.

Ravenswood Industrial Estate

Ravenswood Industrial Estate is the unlikely home of Wildcard Brewery, Mothers Ruin Gin Palace and the legendary Gods Own Junkyard. Gods Own Junkyard, a fantasy world of neon signs, film props and fairground lighting has a cult status in the UK and throughout the world. The signs, made by the late Chris Bracey feature in films such as Batman. Look out for street art by Dave Bonsai and French artist Koralie, which are recent additions to the unique place.



■ Gods Own Junk Yard

- 5) Once you've had a look around head back into Summit Road and turn right into Orford Road. On your right as you head up Orford Road you will see the Nags Head Pub.

The Nags Head

The pub, a locally listed building, was erected in 1857 by Francis Wragg as a replacement for the original village inn which stood on the corner of Orford Road and Church End. Wragg ran the local stagecoach service to London and also built the adjacent coach houses for his use.

- 6) At the end of the road you will see St Mary's Church. Follow the path through the Churchyard and out into Church Hill. Head straight up Church Hill and at the junction continue straight ahead into The Drive.
- 7) At the end turn left, then immediately right into Hurst Road, and down the hill to the junction with Forest Road. Less confident cyclists might want to walk this section. Turn right into Forest Road.

Waltham Forest Town Hall

On your left is Waltham Forest Town Hall. The building, built in 1941, is an example of stripped classical 20th century architecture designed by Philip Dalton Hepworth, made of Portland stone and influenced by Swedish buildings of the interwar period.



■ Waltham Forest
Town Hall

Walthamstow Art College

The next building on the left is Waltham Forest College, formally Walthamstow Art College. Erected in 1938 as the South West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow Art School has contributed to the careers of numerous local talents. Former pupils include Marion Foale and Sally Tuffin founders of swinging 60s fashion label of Tuffin and Foale. The cultural icon Ian Dury, front man of his band the Blockheads and filmmakers Ken Russell and Peter Greenaway were all taught at the college by another British institution – pop artist Peter Blake.

- 8) Head back past the Town Hall and turn left up Hurst Road. At the top turn right into Seaford Road, then at the end turn left into Howard Road. Take the shared path between numbers 71 and 73 and into Aubrey Road. Turn left into Aubrey Road then right into Milton Road.
- 9) At the end of Milton Road turn right into Hoe Street and continue up Hoe Street towards The Bell junction. Cyclists should turn right into Brown's Road then join Hoe Street. Less confident cyclists might want to cross into Ruby Road to get to William Morris Gallery here and avoid The Bell junction and the short section of Forest Road.

Street Art on Hoe Street

Hoe Street is a busy road so less confident cyclists might want to walk. To be honest, all cyclists might want to walk this bit to take in the views, as this part of Hoe Street has become a home for world class street art. Installations can be found by Carne Griffiths in Jewel Road (second road on left) and by Irony and Boe on the Dragon Inn back on Hoe Street on the right. A further 5-10 minute walk or 2 mins cycle you will come to the Bell junction. There's work by Dale Grimshaw, Mr Cenz, Teddy Baden and Static on walls of the buildings around the junction.

10) At The Bell junction turn left into Forest Road. Further up the road you will come to a zebra crossing. The award winning William Morris Gallery can be found on the right set in the delightful Lloyd Park.



Lloyd Park

William Morris and the Gallery

William Morris, founder of the Arts and Crafts movement was born in the borough and lived in nearby Elm House then the grander Water House which is now the home of the museum. The William Morris Gallery is the only public gallery devoted to the life and legacy of William Morris – designer, craftsman and socialist. The Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, Bank Holidays, and free to enter.

What to do afterwards?

Once you've finished at the museum turn right out of the gates along Forest Road then take the second left into Jewel Road. The easiest way if you're walking is to stay on the righthand side, cross over the first side road (Winns Terrace) then use the zebra crossing to get over Forest Road.

Go all the way to the end of Jewel Road and turn right back on to Hoe Street. You can stop for a well-earned drink and something to eat at one of the many cafes or pubs, or follow the road down towards the town centre and back to the station.

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