

ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS

London (Hogarth) Permanent Trail BWF App No PT17

START & FINISH: Earl's Court Underground Station (District & Circle lines)

OS map 176 Grid Ref TQ255785 Distance 18km

Fee £1.00 Patch £2.00

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This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time. The route encompasses several facets of our capital city. Inevitably, in such a busy centre, there is a great deal of traffic. Please take every precaution when crossing roads. Use pedestrian crossings or underpasses whenever possible. Above all, enjoy the walk and come back safely and satisfied with what you have seen.

Leave the Underground station through Earl's Court Road exit. Cross the road using the pedestrian crossing, turn right. Continue and turn left on Bolton Gardens (signposted Earls Court Youth Hostel). Ahead on the right hand side of the road, passing the Youth Hostel, to cross over Collingham Gardens. Continue on Gledhow Gardens. (This road is Wetherby Gardens on the left hand side of the road and Gledhow Gardens on the right hand side). After 260 metres turn right into Rosary Gardens. Turn left into Brechin Place and turn right at the end. Then after about 40 metres, turn left into Old Brompton Road. Ahead for 50 metres to Onslow Gardens (on your right). Turn right into Onslow Gardens. At the crossroads continue ahead (still Onslow Gardens). After 20 metres, almost at the end, turn right into Ensor Mews and at the end turn left. (This is Cranley Gardens). Continue ahead for 130 metres. Turn left. (This is Fulham Road). Cross over the road. Turn left and after 320 metres cross over the end of Old Church Street. Continue on Fulham Road for about 350 metres, passing an entrance to Royal Brompton Hospital to reach Sydney Street. Turn right along Sydney Street, crossing over Cale Street.

Continue past Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital (toilets inside main entrance, near cafeteria) to end and junction with King's Road. Turn left onto King's Road, cross to the other side, turn left and continue for 400 metres to Smith Street. Turn right along Smith Street, cross St Leonard's Terrace and ahead along Ormonde Gate to the end. (Royal Hospital Road) (*diagonally to your right is the National Army Museum*). Cross over and turn left, passing a large gateway. Ahead for about 300 metres, passing the home of the famous Chelsea Pensioners, to the next entrance gate (London Gate). Turn right.

QUESTION 1. THERE ARE 2 STATUES ON THE LEFT. WHAT ARE THEY?

Go ahead, through the Royal Hospital grounds (*this is the site of the Chelsea Flower Show*) for 450 metres to the large gate onto the Embankment (Bullring Gate). **(IF THE ENTRANCE GATE IS SHUT** - turn left and then first right, Chelsea Bridge Road, to reach the Embankment). Turn left to junction with Chelsea Bridge.

Use the crossing to get to the river side, then turn left past the end of Chelsea Bridge. Follow the river, *(keeping it on your right for 2.75km to Lambeth Bridge. The Embankment changes its name from Chelsea Embankment to Grosvenor Road to Millbank).*

Passing under the railway bridge, on the other side of the river is the site of Battersea Power Station *(you may know it better as the Pink Floyd and the flying pig photoshoot)*. After 1.5km, you pass Pimlico Gardens. In another 400 metres, you go past Vauxhall Bridge. *(on the other side of the river, next to the bridge is a large art deco building. This is the headquarters of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and is known as 'The River House')*.

Continue ahead, passing the Tate Britain (to the left) and the Millenium Pier (to the right). You now reach Lambeth Bridge (ornamental roundabout on the left) *(the large grey building on the left is the home of The Security Service (MI5))* *(after the bridge, on the other side of the river is an old building, Lambeth Palace – residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and behind it 'The Shard' – the tall thin pinnacle)*.

Cross the road at Lambeth Bridge, and immediately go down the steps into Victoria Tower Gardens. *(There are toilets on the left as you enter the gardens)*. Ahead on the perimeter path passing the Buxton Memorial and The Burghers of Calais. Exit Victoria Gardens and continue along the pavement to a pedestrian crossing. *(The small gardens to the left are where the media film when they are interviewing MP's and want the Houses of Parliament in the background)*. Cross the road and continue in the same direction to Westminster Abbey. Turn left between Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church. Bear half left across The Sanctuary (in front of the Abbey) to walk along Victoria Street, crossing over when safe to do so. After 350 metres you cross over Broadway *(the building on the right, just before you cross Broadway is New Scotland Yard, headquarters of the Metropolitan Police)*.

At the Albert Tavern, turn right into Palmer Street. Cross Caxton Street, passing St James's Park underground station and continue to the T-junction. Cross the road and turn right into Petty France, passing in front of the Ministry of Justice. Turn left into Queen Anne's Gate. Follow Queen Anne's Gate round to the right. Turn left into Dartmouth Street. Go down Cockpit Steps on the left, cross the road and turn right for 400 metres along Birdcage Walk, *(St James's Park is on the left)* which becomes Great George Street, then Parliament Square.

Turn left into Parliament Street. Pass the first building *(home of 'Department for Culture, Media & Sport' and 'HM Revenue & Customs')* then take the first left along King Charles Street (signposted Cabinet War Rooms) *('The Cenotaph' war memorial is ahead of you, in the middle of Whitehall, just as you turn right)*. Ahead, passing the entrance to the 'Foreign & Commonwealth Office' on the right and go down steps *(entrance to the Churchill War Rooms is on the left)*, passing the statue to 'Clive', otherwise known as 'Clive of India'. Turn right, past the memorial to the 2002 Bali bombings, cross the road and ahead in the same direction, to a large memorial on the left.

Turn right, cross the road and go ahead directly across the parade ground, towards the archway.

(This is Horse Guards Parade. It is the site of the annual 'Trooping of the Colour' ceremony and also has the ceremonial 'Changing of the Queen's Life Guards' each

day at 11:00am weekdays and 10:00am Sundays. The Life Guard is made up of men from the Household Cavalry – one squadron of the 'Life Guards' (red tunics) and one squadron of the 'Blues and Royals' (blue tunics). The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery provides the guards when the Household Cavalry are away on summer camp).

Pass through the arch and ahead into Whitehall (*remember to have a look at the horses on each side, as you exit the arch*). Turn left along Whitehall and continue until you reach Trafalgar Square. Turn left, under Admiralty Arch. Just after the ugly building on the left, looking like an enormous war bunker, there is a low black building.

QUESTION 2. WHAT IS THIS BUILDING?

Cross Horseguards Road and immediately pass the unnamed memorial to The Royal Horse Artillery. Cross The Mall, turn left and continue along The Mall for 850 metres to reach the Queen Victoria Memorial and Buckingham Palace. Pass to the right of the Palace, along Constitution Hill for 600 metres. You reach 4 pillars and a small pagoda. Ahead to reach Duke of Wellington Place and the Wellington Arch. Cross the road at the lights, and ahead under the arch to reach a large memorial of a gun. Continue past the memorial, passing to the left of the statue of the Duke of Wellington, to cross the road into Hyde Park at Apsley Gate. OR use the subway to Hyde Park. Enter the Park. (*To the right are Queen Elizabeth Memorial Gates*). Go half left and in 50 metres, fork right and go through a gap between hedges (*you are now in 'The Rose Garden'*). Continue straight ahead past the 'Boy & Dolphin' statue. Continue straight ahead with the main area of flowers to the left, to exit 'The Rose Garden' through a gap in the metal fence. Stay on the path as it swings to the right, towards the road. Go up the slope and immediately turn left, with the café and Serpentine lake on the right. After about 120 metres, there is a small memorial on the right.

QUESTION 3. IN WHOSE MEMORY WERE THE LONG WATER AND SERPENTINE CREATED?

At the junction of tracks, turn right to the Serpentine. Continue along the bank of the Serpentine (*this point is Fisherman's Keep*) for 500 metres to reach The Lido (*WC's and café*). Continue ahead alongside the lake. The low lying water feature to the left is the 'Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain' (*it isn't really a fountain but a running water feature*). Ahead under the road bridge. After 25 metres, at a path junction, turn sharp left, uphill, to approach a metal gate. Just before the metal gate, turn right, taking the path inside the edge of the park, keeping the fence and road on the left, to pass the Serpentine Gallery on the right. At the track junction/signpost/drinking fountain, continue straight ahead between low green fences and after 220 metres, turn left to pass the Albert Memorial. Descend the steps, cross (unnamed) Albert Memorial Drive then cross over the road (Kensington Gore) to the Royal Albert Hall and walk to the left around the building (still on Kensington Gore). On the red brick building on the left, there is a blue plaque.

QUESTION 4. WHO LIVED AND DIED HERE?

Continue around the Albert Hall, to the rear. Turn left and walk away from the Memorial. Go down the steps, to the Royal College of Music. Turn left along Prince Consort Road, passing the Imperial College, London (*formally the School of Mines*).

Turn right into Exhibition Road. Ahead for 430 metres passing the Science Museum and turn right into Cromwell Road. Keep ahead for 340 metres passing the front of the Natural History Museum. Turn right into Queen's Gate. Then take the first left into Queen's Gate Place. Go ahead to Queen's Gate Gardens and on to Cornwall Gardens. Follow the left hand pavement to the end of Cornwall Gardens, then go down a little alley to Cornwall Gardens Walk and Lexham Walk. At the black bollards at the far end of Lexham Walk, turn left along Lexham Gardens passing hotels 'Lexham', 'Park City' and 'Easy'.

QUESTION 5. BUILDING NUMBER 5 IS AN EMBASSY FOR WHICH COUNTRY?

Ahead to the end of the road, at the Mercure Hotel and turn right into Cromwell Road and cross over immediately at the crossing. Straight ahead into Knaresborough Place and after 50 metres, turn right into Hogarth Road and continue ahead for 200 metres to reach Lloyds Bank at Earl's Court Road. Turn left and cross the road using the pedestrian crossing to arrive back at Earl's Court Underground Station.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	London (Hogarth) Permanent Trail		2017/1
ROUTE UPDATED	23 February 2016		
DATE WALKED			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
TEL			
EMAIL			
ADDITIONAL WALKERS			
ENTRY FEE	___ Walkers @ £1.00 (€2,00) each	Total £	
AWARDS REQUIRED	___ Patches @ £2.00 (€4,00) each	Total £	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED			£
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No			
ANSWERS			
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Comments			
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