

From Long Lane to Dollis Valley: The Route

Both parts of the walk begin at Finchley Central Station: Part 1 at the northern exit (A), Part 2 at the southern exit (F). At the end of Part 1, you can either return to Finchley Central Station or join Part 2 of the walk at G.

Beware of the traffic: Remember to look up from this guide (or your phone) when crossing streets.

A Part 1 of the walk begins

Finchley Central Station, northern (Ballards Lane) exit
Up slope, Right in Ballards Lane
Right into Hervey Close
Left into Claigmar Gardens
Round to the Right, then Left into Oakfield Road

B Detour to Victoria Park ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile)

Right into Long Lane
Over Squires Lane at lights
Just before North Circular viaduct, Right up footpath past Long Lane Pasture

C Detour to Long Lane Pasture (if open: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile)

Into Tangle Tree Close, parallel to North Circular
Right into Briarfield Avenue

D Detour around playing field (if open: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile)

Left into Manor View
Immediately Right into The Avenue
Past tennis courts, past Stephens House and Garden

E Detour around Stephens Garden (1 mile)

either Right into Regents Park Road, back to Finchley Central Station
or cross Regents Park Road (*beware traffic*) and continue with next part of walk at **G**

F Part 2 of the walk begins

Finchley Central Station, southern (Station Road) exit
Right into Station Road, Left into Regents Park Road
South of Hendon Lane junction cross Regents Park Road (*beware traffic*)

G Continue from Part 1 of walk

Up College Terrace
Cross Hendon Lane (*beware traffic*)
Path past St Mary at Finchley Church, through churchyard
At end of path Left and follow round Right in Church Crescent
Over Dollis Avenue, into footpath
Past swimming pool, over Lyndhurst Gardens into footpath to Dollis Valley

H Detour along Dollis Brook (2 miles: Just before Dollis Brook, Left along Dollis Valley Greenwalk to Hendon Lane. You can then either retrace your steps along the Greenwalk, or return by bus to Finchley Central Station)

Right into Dollis Road (*beware traffic*). Stay on Right pavement and cross at island after viaduct
Under viaduct

I Almost there

Left into Oakdene Park, Dollis Valley Greenwalk
Follow meandering tarmacked footpath to far corner of golf course
Right over new bridge

J In the home stretch

Bear Right up hill
Right into Nether Street
Past Nether Close Estate and immediately Left into Lovers Walk
Over tube line
Over Grove Avenue
Right into Ballards Lane to Finchley Central Station

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