



Stratford café culture

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## Handy walking tips

We hope you enjoy your walk. Please keep in mind the following tips:

- Allow enough time to complete the walk at your own pace.
- Take care on busy roads, using pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Wear comfortable weatherproof footwear and clothing.
- Take a bottle of water.
- Walking during daylight hours is recommended.
- Be sensible about your own safety and safety of your possessions.



Theatre Royal Stratford East



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# Stratford walk

**Stratford** will be the main gateway to the **2012 Games** and is already a thriving, youthful area full of cultural aspiration. This **circular walk** takes 1 to 1½ hours.

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 email [guidedwalks@newham.gov.uk](mailto:guidedwalks@newham.gov.uk)  
 The circular walk takes about 1 to 1½ hours, starting and ending at Stratford tube station, which is served by the Central line, Jubilee line, Docklands Light Railway, London Overground and National Rail.

## Getting Here



Stratford tube station and Meridian Square

## 1. Start / Finish

Stratford Station

## 2. Meridian Square

In 1839 the railway arrived in Stratford, making it one of the oldest stations in London. The striking new rail and bus terminal canopies have won architectural awards for combining innovative design with functionality.

## 3. The Stratford Centre

Browse the eclectic mix of market stalls which add individuality to this shopping mall. The mainstream chain stores are all there too.

## 4. Stratford Cultural Quarter

See what's on at the Picture House cinema, Stratford Circus contemporary performing arts venue and the brilliant Theatre Royal Stratford East, launch pad for many West End stage sensations.

## 5. St John's Church

You can't miss the ornate spire of beautiful St John's Church. Step inside to admire magnificent 19th century pipe organ, the history display and the healing café for tea, coffee, chat and prayer on Tuesday mornings.

## 6. Sculptures outside Stratford Library

Pause by the three monuments opposite Stratford Library - two memorials, one to the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, born nearby in 1844, and the other to Edith S. Kerrison, West Ham's first female councillor. In front of the supermarket is The Peace Sculpture, commemorating the International Year of Peace in 1984.

## 7. University of East London

The Stratford Campus of the University of East London is housed in opulent buildings. The Passmore Edwards building was donated by the millionaire Victorian philanthropist and publisher, John Passmore Edwards.

## 8. Stratford Park and Sensory Garden

The stimulating Sensory Garden by the fountain honours Dr John Fothergill, the most eminent botanist of the 18th century. This modern park also boasts a children's play area, a live performance space and floodlit tennis courts.

## 9. Stratford Old Magistrates Court and Old Town Hall Stratford

The Old Magistrates Court has been the location for courtroom scenes in TV's police drama, 'The Bill'. At the Old Town Hall Stratford in 1892 Keir Hardie, the first Labour MP, made his victory speech, see a bust of him inside.



# Walk Stratford

## 10. Discover

Discover, London's only interactive story centre for children, is further up the High Street on the left.

The sculpture on the road island aptly symbolises Stratford as a focal point of arrival and departure.

## Directions

- Leave Stratford station to find yourself in Meridian Square (2) which starts directly outside the station exit and continues round to the left.
- Cross at the lights and enter The Stratford Centre. Stay left when you get to the atrium, exit by the North Mall onto Gerry Raffles Square.
- Bear right at the top of the slope to reach Theatre Square, you are now in the heart of Stratford Cultural Quarter (3).
- Retrace your steps to the Stratford Centre (4). Stay left and exit by the East Mall onto Stratford Broadway.
- Turn onto Broadway to see the black iron canopies for the outdoor market, with the spire of St John's Church behind (5).
- Keep left past the market stalls past the Goose pub, take the crossing at the lights opposite the library, see the sculptures (6).
- Turn right, keeping the library and the Ibis hotel on the left, after around 500 metres you reach Water Lane, where you see the University of East London (7).
- Turn down Water Lane to see statue of William Shakespeare, just to the right hand side of the entrance to the University.
- Return to the junction of Water Lane and Romford Road, go past the university entrance on Romford Road to cross at the lights, return down Romford Road on the other side, back towards the town centre.
- Turn left down Tramway Avenue, then turn left again onto West Ham Lane. After 300 metres you will reach Stratford Park.
- Enter the park by the Sensory Garden (8) and walk through the park, to exit via the exit further down West Ham Lane.
- Cross the road to the Old Magistrates Court (9). Continue down Tramway Avenue and turn left onto the Broadway.
- Past Old Town Hall Stratford, cross the High Street at the lights onto the traffic island with the Railway Tree Sculpture. Go straight over the island to cross the road back to Stratford Tube station.

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