

WALK TO *HYDE PARK* Winter WONDERLAND

Marble Arch and Hyde Park Corner might be the nearest Tube stations to Winter Wonderland, but they're also the busiest.

Why not take a scenic stroll from Lancaster Gate, Green Park or Knightsbridge instead?

Enjoy some quiet corners, historic memorials and iconic views of The Royal Parks on your way to the festive fun!



WALK FROM LANCASTER GATE

 Central Line

1 The Italian Gardens

This Instagram-able water garden was created in the 1860s. You may recognise it from *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* – Colin Firth and Hugh Grant have a brawl in the fountain!

2 Peter Pan Statue

Author J. M. Barrie paid for this famous statue of his beloved ‘boy who wouldn’t grow up’. Generations of children have made a pilgrimage to visit Peter.

3 The Long Water

The western stretch of the Serpentine is a peaceful spot to watch wildlife. In winter, it’s a haven for water birds. Look out for coot, moorhen, cormorants and great crested grebe.

4 Speaker’s Corner

Londoners have come here to have their say since the mid-1800s. Famous speakers have included Karl Marx and George Orwell, while the suffragettes held huge rallies nearby.

Circa 30 minutes

WALK FROM GREEN PARK

 Jubilee  Piccadilly  Victoria

1 Bomber Command Memorial

This striking memorial commemorates 55, 573 crew members who died while serving in Bomber Command during the Second World War.

2 Hyde Park Corner

There are many well-known memorials at this important junction. You can’t miss the imposing Wellington Arch that commemorates Britain’s victory in the Napoleonic Wars – walk underneath it.

3 Achilles

This 18ft statue of Greek hero Achilles commemorates the first Duke of Wellington. A small fig leaf had to be added after it was unveiled, as visitors were outraged by Achilles’ nudity!

4 The Serpentine

Designed in 1728 by Queen Caroline and her gardener Charles Bridgeman, the world-famous lake known as the Serpentine was a first in England due to its winding, naturalistic shape.

Circa 30 minutes

WALK FROM KNIGHTSBRIDGE

 Piccadilly Line

1 Rotten Row

King William III ordered 300 oil lamps to light this bridleway in 1690, to try and stop highwaymen robbing travellers after dark. It became one of the first lit highways in England!

2 South Carriage Drive Playground

With views over tree-lined avenues and the famous Serpentine, this exciting adventure playground has climbing frames, a swing set and a slide.

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4 The Dell

Explore this pretty corner of the park at the end of The Serpentine. Look out for a scenic waterfall and an urn commemorating Queen Caroline, unveiled by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990.

Circa 20 minutes not including time in the playground!