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YHA London Central

# Little Venice and Abbey Road

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**Distance:** 7 miles (11.3km)  
**Ascent:** 40m (131ft)  
**Time:** Allow 2h 30m to 4h 15m

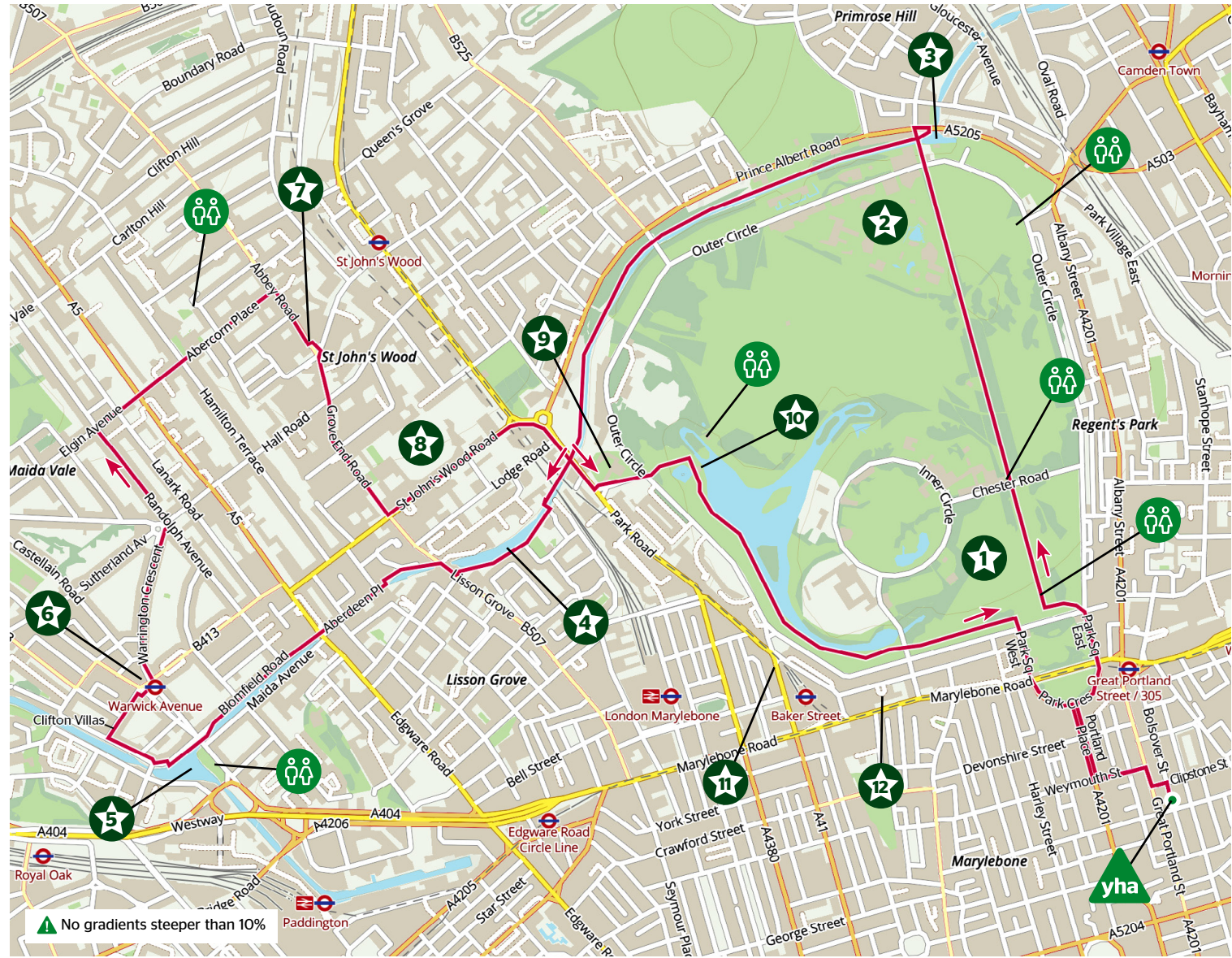
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### Facilities

- Toilets on route (expect to pay) mostly in Regents Park and in smaller parks and gardens. Pubs, cafés and shops passed regularly throughout the route.
- Seats in Regents Park, Little Venice and Warwick Avenue, some along the canal, fewer elsewhere.
- Wheelchair accessible
- Pushchair accessible

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We hope you have a great time.

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### Remember:


- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](http://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Wear the right clothing for the route and weather and shoes that you can easily walk in.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Be considerate in residential areas or places of work.
- Take care when crossing busy roads and look out for cyclists.
- Dispose of litter properly in bins.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.

**In case of emergency** call 999 and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

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### Route Summary

A varied walk with a Royal Park, canal and iconic sites. Take care crossing roads, some are busy. From the hostel turn left onto Bolsover Street, left onto Clipstone Street, right onto Great Portland Street, left onto Weymouth Street, right onto Portland Place, right onto Park Crescent and cross Marylebone Road onto Park Square East. Enter Regents Park at St Andrew's Gate and take the left path. Pass the fountain and turn right onto The Broad Walk. Cross Chester Road and pass alongside the zoo. Cross Outer Circle, continue straight ahead and cross the canal onto Prince Albert Road. Turn right, then right onto the footpath to the canal and head under the bridge you crossed. Take care next to the water, there are no barriers – and watch out for cyclists. Continue along the towpath, after passing under two railway bridges cross the canal using the large metal pedestrian bridge, turn right alongside the canal and pass opposite Lisson Grove moorings. Turn right onto Lisson Grove, cross the canal and turn left, take the higher path alongside the canal to head along Aberdeen Place. Cross Edgware Road onto Blomfield Road, take the path on the left to the canal, signposted Little Venice, and pass under the Warwick Avenue Bridge to the canal basin. Take the steps back onto Blomfield Road, continue alongside the canal, turn right onto Clifton Villas, pass the church at Warwick Avenue and turn left onto Warrington Crescent. Cross Sutherland Avenue onto Randolph Avenue, turn right at Maida Vale station onto Elgin Avenue and continue onto Abercorn Place. Turn right onto Abbey Road, over The Beatles crossing and continue onto Grove End Road. Turn left onto St John's Wood Road, pass Lords Cricket Ground and bear right onto Park Road. Cross the canal, turn left into the park at Hanover Gate, cross the Outer Circle and turn right alongside the boating lake, follow it around to York Bridge and continue

to West Gate to Broad Walk Gate. Leave the park onto Park Square West, cross Marylebone Road onto Park Crescent and retrace the route back to the hostel.

### Accessibility

The route follows roads, paths and parks. Flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac, paved or flat path. Main road crossings have traffic lights and dropped kerbs, some busy roads do not have pedestrian crossings. Some narrow pavements in places. Canal towpath is open to the water. It is possible to remain on the canal towpath through the Lisson Grove moorings to the Maida Hill Tunnel, however public access is restricted through the moorings, there are anti-cycling bumps and steps from the canal to Aberdeen Place, the route follows the step free path. There are shallow steps on the route down from Blomfield Road to the canal before Little Venice basin. For step free access to the basin continue along Blomfield Road, turn left onto Westbourne Terrace Road Bridge, cross the canal and immediately turn left.



### Points of interest (see map)

- 1 Regent's Park
- 2 London Zoo
- 3 Regents Canal
- 4 Lisson Grove canal community
- 5 Little Venice, canal basin
- 6 Warwick Avenue, St Saviour Church
- 7 Abbey Road Studios and Abbey Road crossing from the Beatles 1969 album cover
- 8 Lords Cricket Ground
- 9 London Central Mosque
- 10 Boat and pedalo hire (April to October)
- 11 Sherlock Holmes Museum
- 12 Madame Tussauds.

Numerous blue plaques on and around the route – [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques)