



LONDONINIUM - WALKING ROUTE, CLUES, AND MAP

Welcome to LONDONINIUM. This audio walking tour takes in some of London's hidden spots and secret stories. There are two routes to choose from. The longer route is five miles long, and should take two hours to walk. It starts in Wapping, meanders through the City of London, briefly ducks south of the Thames, pops along to Waterloo, and ends in Pall Mall. The shorter route takes in six of the ten stops, all of which are located within the City of London. The shortened walk should take about 30-45 minutes. Each location is accompanied by a short audio piece, bringing to life a person from history associated with that place. The audio pieces can be downloaded as a podcast by either visiting https://www.lbftheatre.com/londoninium or by searching the podcast app for "Londoninium."

This audio trail has been designed to be a scavenger hunt, where you follow a series of clues to discover each location. If you would like to play, simply download the podcast, and hit play on the prologue episode "Welcome to Londoninium." This episode will introduce you to the audio trail, and give you the clues to the first location. When you've found it, listen to episode one, 'OARS.' At the end of episode 1, you'll be given the clue for the second location. If you ever get stuck, a map and complete list of all the locations with their addresses is at the bottom of this document.

If you prefer to walk the shorter route, please skip the first and last stops, and skip stop 6 ("theatre ghost").

1. OARS

Wapping is old, and this staircase is the oldest. Head to the river. A beautiful memorial garden catches your eye, but keep going west. You'll find the first location hidden between two buildings. At low tide you can walk down onto the foreshore, and enjoy excellent views of Tower Bridge.

2. A Night in the Blitz

Head west past the Tower of London (perhaps pausing to check out the oldest church in London) and keep going. Exploring the side streets, you notice a white steeple peeking out between the office blocks. Can you find the secret garden?

3. Roman Woman Makes a Splash!

From the garden, walk back down the hill to the main road and turn right. After all that walking, you might fancy a bath!

4. Going Hunting

The next location is minutes away. You spot two familiar characters near the bath - a walrus and a carpenter?? You walk past them up a narrow lane until you come to a main road. Thirsty? You might want to look out for a juice bar. But not for a tall glass of OJ - what you seek is outside. Look very, very carefully. Two tiny mischievous creatures are hiding in plain sight.

5. Ancient Cult

Keep walking west, until you come to the main entrance of a train station named after a medieval weapon. Tucked away between a Starbucks and a monument to finance is something very very old.

6. Theatre Ghost

Our tour now takes a brief detour over the river and back (the trail doubles back on itself so this stop can be skipped if you prefer less walking). Cross to the south side of the river and find the oldest theatre you can think of. No, not the famous one. There's another even older theatre hiding in the Globe's shadows. Can you find it?

7. Noble Sacrifices

Return to the north side of the Thames. The most magnificent cathedral in London towers above the City. You might want to enjoy it before exploring some of the hidden gems nestled behind it. A alliterative park with many stories within. Do you want to hear some of them?

8. An Oyster-Eating Cat

Return to St Paul's and keep heading West. Keep your eye out for... cheese?? And what eats cheese? Mice. And what chases mice...? A very old cheese marks the passage. You turn right, and are transported to the alleys of 18th century London. Can you find an animal that eats mice hidden somewhere in these little alleys and squares?

9. Ladies Bridge

The next location is a bridge. But you're not walking over it. The bridge isn't secret, but its history used to be.

10. Hippo Man (& Wife)

Our final location is in Pall Mall, some distance away. The 15-20 minute walk takes you down Embankment and through Trafalgar Square. Pall Mall is crowded with fine buildings, but this might be one of the finest. The gold statue above the pillars certainly think so!

MAP LINK (click here to download a larger version of the map)



LOCATIONS LIST

- 1. Alderman's Stairs, 86 St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UR
- 2. St Dunstan in the East, St Dunstan's Hill, London EC3R 5DD
- 3. Billingsgate Roman Bathhouse, 101 Lower Thames St, London EC3R 6DL
- 4. Philpot Lane Mice Statue, 23 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1DE
- 5. London Mithraeum, 12 Walbrook, London EC4N 8AA
- 6. Rose Theatre, 56 Park St, London SE1 9HS
- 7. Postman's Park, King Edward St, London EC1A 7BT
- 8. Hodge (Samuel Johnson's cat) statue, 17 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE
- 9. Waterloo Bridge, North Side (look up at Somerset House, on your left as you approach the bridge)
- 10. The Athenaeum, 107 Pall Mall, St. James's, London SW1Y 5ER

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