

Tour de K+C: A Family Adventure in North Kensington

Basic information

Thank you for signing up to take part in Tour de K+C: A Family Adventure in North Kensington. We hope you have a brilliant time exploring our wonderful borough. There is so much to see so we really hope you find something new. Kensington + Chelsea may be London's smallest borough with just over 156,000 residents living in our community but it is packed full of interesting sights to discover. We've started our route at Notting Hill Gate tube station and finishing at Ladbroke Grove but please feel free to do it in reverse. Happy exploring!



Look out for...

1. **Notting Hill Book and Comic Exchange**
The Comic Exchange has long been a destination point for collectors of comics, science fiction and horror fiction. Here you'll find everything from willfully forgotten Marvel Team Ups and that dodgy Rolling Stones comic no one seems to want through to Silver age classics and creator owned gems of the independent publishing industry! Plenty more in store with a Horror & Science Fiction Library to back it up. Often described as the 'best digny comic shop in London' stock is bought in on a daily basis so no two trips to the comic exchange are the same. Take a peek and see what bargains you discover...
2. **George Orwell's House**
The novelist and political essayist George Orwell is best remembered for his dystopian novel, Nineteen Eighty-Four. The brightly coloured house at number 22 Portobello Road was the first London home where George Orwell lodged and he stayed in the top floor flat - the window of which you can still see today.
3. **Mr Gruber's Antique Shop - 86 Portobello Road**
Fans of Paddington Bear can visit one of the film locations at number 86 Portobello Road. 'Alice's Antiques Arcade' was used in both Paddington films where our favourite bear spent many an afternoon with his friend Mr Gruber and eventually solved the crime of who stole the pop-up book from Mr Gruber. Alice's Antiques is a welcoming and friendly shop used to entertaining Paddington fans so pop in and see what treasures you can find. Maybe a marmalade sandwich tucked under a hat somewhere?
4. **All Saint's Notting Hill Church**
Amid the mix and celebrations of the Notting Hill Carnival, stands All Saints Church, tall, elegant and majestic, with it's doors open, welcoming the crowds from all over the world, who after dancing or walking, enters, either to rest their weary legs or just take a moment of silence.

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- 5.** Grand Union Canal

The Grand Union Canal links London to Birmingham, passing through rolling countryside, industrial towns and peaceful villages. It's one of England's longest canals and has been around since the 1880s. It used to be said that it would take you 5 days to sail the full 137 miles but in reality it often took much longer as people had to sleep and rest. Today, the Grand Union Canal is alive with pleasure boats, walkers, cycle trails, anglers and day trippers meaning there is always something to see.
- 6.** Emslie Horniman's Pleasance

The official launch pad for the Notting Hill Carnival, Emslie Horniman's Pleasance hosts over 20,000 people across the August bank holiday but originally it was a gift from a local councillor who had been inspired by the nun, Sister Ruth, to create an area for local children to play safely in and enjoy for years to come. The 'Voysey Garden' named after the architect responsible for the design has been restored to its former glory and is now an area that everyone can enjoy right from the children's play area to the unusual works of art spread across the area.
- 7.** St Charles Hospital and Gardens

The gothic looking hospital has been part of the North Kensington community since 1879 and is where the first Training School for Nurses was established by Florence Nightingale. The 182ft tall water tower, previously contained the Hospital Laundry, but is now home to a gym for NHS staff. The allotments which you can also see on your walk through are used to aid patient recovery and are home to various fruits and vegetables. Today the hospital helps many adults with their mental health and the K+C Foundation is incredibly proud to be supporting the Playground Theatre's Well Read programme which helps patients recover through the reading of plays and interacting with other patients.
- 8.** Kensington Memorial Garden

Built in 1923 as a memorial for all of those who lost their lives in World War 1, Kensington Memorial park is today home to a children's play area and garden area and the Water Playpark makes a great place for cooling off in the Summer months. The Water Playpark has been closed due to Covid-19 but the rest of the park is open and it is hoped the water area will be too. Our route will take you past the entrance so if you'd like to visit, just pause the route and spend some time exploring your neighbourhood park.



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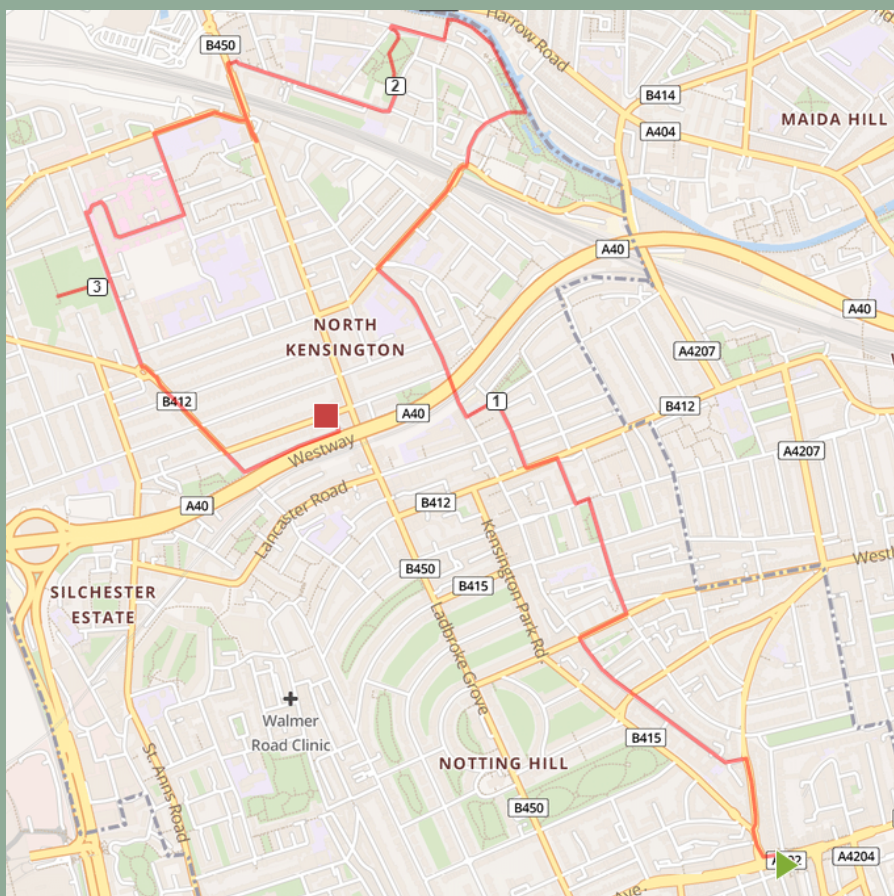
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9. Mehdi Annassi Malton Road Mural
Mehdi Annassi, aka Machima, works on large-scale murals, comics, zines, animation, illustration and street art. He was commissioned to create a mural in Ladbroke Grove depicting life there and with support from the K+C Foundation's GreenShoots Fund, Medhi was able to work in partnership with the local community to create a graphic story showing creatures settling, leaving and searching for new homes under the eyes of an ominous figure. The story captures the ideas of change and renewal in neighbourhoods and communities. See it proudly displayed on the corner of Malton Road.

Thank you for taking part in our adventure, we hope you had fun and got to see lots of cool things. Let us know your favourite and share any photos you have by tagging us on social media or use #GiveWhereYouLive and #TourDeKC.

A quarter of children in Kensington + Chelsea are living in poverty and, since the Covid-19 pandemic began, our local food banks are reporting that demand for their services has doubled or in some cases tripled. Thank you for choosing to support the K+C Foundation, your generosity ensures we can build a better life together.

You can view your map online using [Mapometer](#) or by downloading Strava onto your smart device and searching for Tour de K+C: A Family Adventure in North Kensington.



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Complete this wordsearch of places across Kensington + Chelsea. The clues go up and down, across, backwards and diagonally.

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Westway

Neighbourhood
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Notting Hill
London

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Holland Park
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Family

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Draw something from your walk today and share it with us on social using
#TourDeKC and #GiveWhereYouLive and tagging us.

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Wordsearch answers

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