

Jolly Boys Outing - Thursday 13th. August 2015

London - Hackney East

Brief History

For many centuries Hackney was a rural area close to but not part of central London life. The Area was rich in woodlands and marshes and the few people who lived here probably worked the land to provide food for Roman London.

It is thought that the area's name came from a Saxon settlement dating back to the 5th. or 6th. Century. At this point in time Hackney was known as Hack'sey. That means High Ground in Marshland owned by Haca, who was a local Dane landowner. The first record of the area being called Hackney came about in 1198.

Population as per 2010 census 210000

Population in 2015 210000 plus, plus. Plus.

Welcome to this cosmopolitan Metropolis.

Britain's first Murder in a railway carriage

On 9th. July 1864, Thomas Briggs was beaten and robbed on a Fenchurch St. to Chalk Farm train. His body was dumped at Hackney Wick; he died of his injuries shortly after being taken to a nearby public house, now called Top o' the morning on Cadogan Terrace, E9. Franz Muller was hanged outside Newgate Prison for the crime on 14th. November 1864 which drew a gate recorded at 50,000. Not certain of receipts from the occasion.

Travel Information.

All station status passes also Eastern / Anglia Region blue regional status passes are valid on LU Ltd. Victoria Line between Finsbury Park, Highbury and Islington and King's Cross and return.

London Overground - North London Line: Boundaries

Stratford - Dalston Kingsland - Eastern / Anglia

Dalston Kingsland - South Acton - LM

Dalston Kingsland - Kensington Olympia - LM

South Acton - Richmond - Southern

Kensington Olympia - Clapham Junction - Southern

London Overground - East London Line: Boundaries

Southern Region now extends north to Dalston Junction

Eastern / Anglia region extends south to Wapping

NB Walking distance between Dalston junction and Dalston Kingsland is 300 yards.

NB Walking distance between Stratford International and Stratford is 750 yards or one stop on DLR

NB Walking distance between Hackney Downs and Hackney Central 440 yards

Getting There

The modes of travel include Legs/Buses/Trains with the main focus being the station at Hackney Central for a pub 1 start or London Fields for a pub 2 start.

Hackney Central is accessible by train from the east at 6 / hour from Stratford (2.5 miles 8 mins) or from the south at 4 / hour from Clapham Junction (15.5 miles - 55 mins) or Richmond (17.5 miles 56 mins) also at 4 / hour. An alternative by train from Clapham Junction 4 / hour is the ELL to Dalston Junction (11 miles 44 mins) then walk to Dalston Kingsland for train to Hackney Central (1 stop) or bus routes along Graham Road, alight at Mare St. Junction.

Bus 48 starts at London Bridge Station, passes Liverpool St. Station (Bishopsgate Hamilton Hall) alight at Hackney Empire - Town Hall Pub 1 is opposite.

Bus 242 also passes Liverpool St. Station (Bishopsgate Hamilton Hall) and Dalston Junction Station alight at Graham Rd. / Mare St. junction. Both routes are at 10 minute intervals. Another option is the train from Liverpool St. (8 / hour destination Enfield Town or Chingford) then walk.

For pub 2 from Liverpool St. Station take the train (4 / hour) to London Fields Station (2.5 miles 7 mins) then walk 300 yards or the 48 bus and alight near to Warburton Rd.

The NLL is accessible from lots of joining points, however it appears for arrivals at Paddington, Marylebone, Euston, St. Pancras or Kings Cross (not forgetting the Southern main line termini) the Victoria line to Highbury and Islington then the NLL to Hackney Central a distance of 2.25 miles taking 6 minutes is a good option.

Return Journey

As above in reverse direction from pub 5 to Hackney Wick Station is 300 yards then train 6 / hour (3.75 miles 11 mins) to Highbury and Islington Station.

Pub Locations, Details and Distances

All pubs included in 2015 GBG except 1. upon arrival at Hackney Central kindly notice at Stratford end old platform formation (now grass) and platform rear walls and top of old booking / goods office building. Proceed down footpath where cameras at the ready a full on profile of the building can be seen. Turn right into Mare St., cross Graham Rd. (from Dalston Jnc.) Continue pass the Cock Tavern (No. 4) cross over Mare St. - near Hackney Empire continue for 50 yards to Pub 1 walking distance 300 yards.

Wetherspoons - Baxter's Court 282 - 284 Mare St., E8 tel: 0208 525 9010. Breakfast, earlies depart 10.45

880 yards to pub 2. Turn left into Mare St. then cross over and continue walking until Warburton Rd. appears (approx. 750 yards) turn right pub 2 just before under bridge or catch any bus from outside pub 1 and alight just after Wells St. Cross over Mare St. walk up Warburton Rd. 3 bus stops only. Bus / train details from Liverpool St to London Fields Station (see previous) Pub 2 open early at 110 especially for the JB's. Depart at 1150 for Pub 3. Details of walking route on middle map. Beware separate cycle path in London Fields. Walking distance 350 yards.

Pub 3 does food although prices seem to match Old St. range. Plenty of choice. Guest beers / Ales available on the recce. Burton Bridge and Salopian. Depart 1250 for pub 4.

Proceed back up Broadway Market. Cross Westgate St. For Bus stop for 236 to Hackney Empire and Town Hall. (On recce had a long wait bus was full up) Suggest walking 200 yards to Mare St. for any bus to Hackney Empire and Town Hall. Distance to Pub 4 is only 110 yards. Total distance from pub 3 is 1050 yards. Pub 4 only sells ale and cider food is pork pies and crisps.

Depart 1350 to pub 5

(Food available in pub 1 Baxter's Court)

Return to Hackney Central Station 250 yards for train to Hackney Wick (1.5 miles 5 minutes)

Upon arrival proceed down ramp turn left under bridge the sharp left continue to pub / brewery in large white building. On right next to the River Lee Navigation. Sit in moored boat if you wish. Distance from the station is 300 yards. Depart ?

Additional Information, Clarification, Acknowledgements

Victoria Line options 1 stop option is only from Kings Cross or Finsbury Park other boarding points have more than 1 stop.

Top and bottom maps from TfL North East London.

Bus information middle map from Phil S North Oxfordshire London Pub Crawl November 2014

Locations 2, 4 and 5 are Brew pubs that sell their own and other ales

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