

Walking your way around the South Bank

PLANNING to visit the South Bank but not sure of your way around?

Look out for street maps that have been put up at key points to help make navigating the area on foot quicker and easier.

Not only do they show the main visitor attractions, such as the Royal Festival Hall, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Hayward Gallery, they pinpoint where the building entrances are, whether there are steps or lifts, and the location of nearby subways and underpasses.

The maps are part of Transport for London's (TfL's) Legible London scheme, which encourages people to make short journeys on foot. They include information on walkways



and cycle routes, tow paths and places to eat.

They also show walking times to other nearby attractions including the

London Eye, the London Aquarium, Jubilee Gardens and the National Theatre.

Sited at strategic locations along the South Bank, the maps

are supported by street signs that give detailed directions to local landmarks. They are high above the ground so can be easily seen and read.

Your mini-guide to Legible London maps

You can spot Legible London maps thanks to the bright yellow strip at the top featuring a walking figure.

Directions are based on which way the reader is facing, making it easier to relate to your surroundings.

The maps have:

- A five-minute 'walking circle' that shows places of interest that can be reached on foot within five minutes
- A 15-minute 'walking planner' that shows which areas can be reached on foot within 15 minutes
- Key buildings and landmarks clearly illustrated
- Bus stops, Tube stations and taxi ranks highlighted
- Steps, pavement widths and pedestrian crossings detailed to help disabled people

New website reminder

CHECK out the test version of Transport for London's new website ahead of the full launch later this year.

The improved site – which is available alongside the current version at tfl.gov.uk – has been designed with a responsive layout and includes a host of innovative features to help customers find the information they need on the go.

More than a quarter of the site's five million weekly hits are from mobile devices, so it has now been optimised for use on smartphones and tablets. It is cleaner, touch-screen friendly and quick to load.

The test version will initially preview the updated design and layout, new-look Journey Planner and other content to give people a feel for the improvements.

New features are being added all the time and customers are being encouraged to provide their feedback.

■ Visit tfl.gov.uk/newwebsite to watch a video highlighting all the site's new features



London Underground Facts

THIS year marks the 150th anniversary of the first Underground journey. Here are some little-known facts about the world's oldest sub-surface rail network;

- Stations with the most platforms: Moorgate and Baker Street both have 10 but only six are used by Underground trains at Moorgate
- During the three-hour morning peak, London's busiest Tube station is Waterloo, with 57,000 people entering. The station also has the highest number of annual passengers, with 82 million
- The Underground has been known as the Tube since 1890, when the first deep-level electric railway line was opened
- The Tube's world-famous logo, the 'roundel' (a red circle crossed by a horizontal blue bar), first appeared in 1908

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