

Taking the walking challenge

How well do you know your way around the capital?

PUT your knowledge of the city's walking routes to the test this Saturday in a challenge celebrating 10 years of Legible London signs.

TfL and British Orienteering have teamed up to task people to walk to as many locations as possible in three hours using the easy to see signs.

To start the challenge, simply download the free Sporteering app and travel to the Legible London sign next to the bridge outside the Royal Festival Hall to start the competition at any time. Scan the barcode on the Royal Festival Hall sign then visit as many locations as possible within three hours.

It is an exercise of skill rather than speed – with participants planning their own route to find the most effective way to navigate

between points.

The three highest scorers will win a pair of tickets to see the new musical *The Wind in the Willows* at the London Palladium.

Everyone who completes the challenge will be sent a certificate.

Walking and cycling commissioner Will Norman said: 'The Legible London signs have been a wonderful way of encouraging Londoners and visitors to walk around our city. Walking is the best way of exploring everything that our great city offers and I hope this novel challenge will inspire even more people to get out and enjoy our streets.'

■ **The Sporteering app can be downloaded for free from Apple and Android stores. Find out more about walking in London at tfl.gov.uk/walking**

Legible London signs were introduced in 2007 to make it easier to navigate the city on foot. Today, there are more than 1,700 signs across the capital and new ones are being installed each year.

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Have a chat with TfL's TravelBot

WANT to know when your bus is due to arrive? Ask the new TfL TravelBot on Facebook Messenger.

The social media tool, which is powered by artificial intelligence, can 'chat' with customers using Messenger and on request can instantly provide:

- Live bus arrival information and bus route status
- Updates for the Tube, TfL Rail, London Overground, DLR and London Trams
- Tube, Night Tube and rail maps

TravelBot can also link directly to a customer service agent.

As people use the service, it will learn and become even more precise. TfL will explore the possibility of adding features in the future, including more journey planning information and status alerts.

■ **Search for 'TfL TravelBot' on Facebook**

Chatbots are digital assistants that can quickly chat to customers. Powered by artificial intelligence, they provide instant information via messaging apps.

Want to perform on London's Underground?

TfL is holding auditions to find new and talented musicians to perform on the Tube as part of the licensed busking scheme.

There are 35 official busking pitches on the Underground, with more than 1,800 bookable performance slots every week.

A large number of new licences will be awarded to bring fresh talent into the scheme.

Auditions are taking place in August and September and will be held at public locations around the capital, including many Tube stations.

Entries will be assessed by a panel of music industry experts. Applications for auditions close on Sunday August 13. Applicants must be 16 years old or over.

■ **For more information and details on how to apply, visit buskinlondon.com/undergroundauditions**

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