

Spring into Summer walks

THIS weekend Londoners are being encouraged to explore the city on foot with a series of led walks.

The 35 walks take in the best of the capital's world-famous landmarks and a wealth of parks, rivers, canals, open spaces and hidden gems across the city.

All walks start and finish at, or within easy reach of, public transport and include sections of the city's seven most popular walking routes:

Capital Ring Walk – 15 easily walked sections combine to provide a 78 mile circular route around Inner London – attractions include Eltham



Palace, Richmond Park, Wimbledon Common, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Thames Barrier.

Green Chain Walk – 50 miles of linked parks and open spaces including Severndroog Castle, Crystal Palace Park and Oxleas Woods.

Jubilee Walkway – 15 miles of path designed to connect London's key attractions and many of the city's most famous sights including Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral.

Lea Valley Walk – 18 miles of path following the river and canal in North-East London taking in Tottenham Marshes, Enfield Lock and Waltham Abbey.

LOOP Walk (London Outer Orbital Path) – 152 miles of parks and paddocks including Hall Place, Wilberforce Memorial and Kenley Aerodrome.

Thames Path Walk – 40 miles of level walks from Hampton Court Palace, through the heart of London, to Erith Marshes. Sights include the Houses of Parliament, Albert Bridge, Syon Park and Kew Gardens.

The Jubilee Greenway Walk (opened to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee) – 37 miles of path connect all the central London Games venues including the North Greenwich Arena, Greenwich Park, Horse Guards Parade, Hyde Park and Regent's Park.

The Spring into Summer weekend is organised by Walk England and funded by Transport for London.

Find out more at www.walklondon.org.uk. To plan your journey, go to tfl.gov.uk

Transport at a glance

Download Cabwise app

IF you're planning a night out this Bank Holiday weekend, make sure you download the free Cabwise app to help you get home safely.

Using your phone's GPS it provides contact details for your nearest black cab and minicab firms.

Black cabs are the only vehicles

that can be hailed on the street. Don't use an unbooked minicab – it is illegal and dangerous, and may put you at risk of assault.

Search for Cabwise in the app stores, iTunes or Google Play, or visit tfl.gov.uk/cabwise to download the free app

Changes to the C-Charge

TRANSPORT for London is reminding drivers that the penalty for non-payment of the Congestion Charge has increased by £10 to £130, bringing it in line with similar charges in London.

A number of other changes to the scheme will take effect in the next few weeks.

From July 1, the Greener Vehicle Discount (GVD) and Electric Vehicle Discount will be replaced by an Ultra Low-Emission Discount. Anyone registered for the GVD by June 28, 2013, will continue to receive a 100 per cent discount

from the Congestion Charge for three years until June 2016. In addition, from July 26, shops will no longer process Congestion Charge payments.

These changes follow a 12-week public consultation which sought the views of Londoners, businesses and key stakeholders. The changes will help increase the use of the cleanest possible vehicles in the capital, and provide efficiency savings in the operation of the scheme.

Find out more at tfl.gov.uk/congestioncharge

Edgware Road lift works

EDGWARE Road (Bakerloo line) Tube station will be closed from Saturday until December so new, more reliable lifts can be installed.

The station is being closed while work takes place as the only alternative way of getting to and from the platforms is via a 125-step staircase.



While the work is taking place, passengers are advised to use nearby Edgware Road (Circle/Hammersmith & City line) Tube – a short, signposted walk away – or Marylebone station – seven minutes away. There will also be posters at Tube stations and PA announcements.

Other improvement work has been brought forward to coincide with the lift replacement to reduce disruption to passengers. It includes repairs and refurbishment, work on the roof, ticket hall, stairs and electrics, as well as the replacement of windows and doors in the ticket hall.

Plan your journey while improvement work is taking place at tfl.gov.uk

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