



Beck in the day

THE Tube map was originally created by Underground electrical draughtsman Harry Beck, who produced his imaginative design in 1933.

Beck's map was influenced by the circuit diagrams he drew, breaking with the tradition of showing distance and geographical accuracy.

The map was initially rejected by London Transport's publicity department because it

was considered too radical, but a successful trial run proved a hit with the public.

The basis of Beck's design, with modifications and additions, still serves Tube customers to this day.

■ To find out more about Harry Beck and his map, visit the London Transport Museum or ltmuseum.co.uk



Richard does more than just drive a bus

En route to Ealing Broadway he helped an elderly man get a priority seat and also woke up the gentleman at the back in time for his stop.

All mapped out

Did you know there are a number of guides available to help people find their way around the capital?

AS well as the popular Tube map, which is one of the most recognisable wayfinders in the world, there is a full range of navigational tools available on the TfL website to help Londoners and visitors. From bus and river services to tourist destinations, there is something for every journey option.

Tourist maps provide advice on how to get to some of the most popular attractions, as well as explaining the different transport methods available and how to use them. The guides offer tips on the best times to travel to avoid busy periods and even cover how to get to popular destinations in the outer zones. There is also information on using contactless and Visitor Oyster cards to pay for travel.

Just the ticket

Pay as you go users can find their nearest Oyster Ticket Stop with an interactive map, so there is no need to worry about running out of credit.

Cyclists can plan their route across the city by downloading maps of the Cycle Superhighways. There is also an interactive map that shows where the nearest Santander Cycles docking station is and live details of how many bikes are available for hire at each location.

There are maps for drivers showing the boundaries of the Congestion Charge zone and Low Emission Zone, where certain vehicles need to pay to enter these areas. There is also an interactive tool on the website to search for streets or landmarks to check whether they fall within the zones.

Hear here

Audio guides are available for passengers who have difficulty reading the guides. They can be downloaded from Soundcloud and cover all the Tube lines and transport modes, as well as giving information on specific stations. There are also accessible Tube maps, including large print and black and white versions.

The launch of the Night Tube service on five Tube lines last year saw a number of new guides issued, including maps showing which Night Tube stations have taxi ranks and routes that have 24-hour bus services.

Passengers can find out more

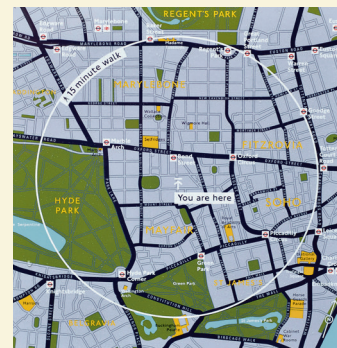


Legible London

THE Legible London wayfinding system was developed ten years ago as a prototype in Bond Street.

The signs, which are located outside Tube stations and at popular destinations across London, help people find their way by detailing the landmarks they will pass and how long it will take to walk to their destination.

They are easy to navigate as they face the same way the reader is looking and they include scale maps that show the streets and landmarks within a 15-minute range, and a more detailed five-minute radius.



information on individual TfL stations, such as those with step-free access between the street and platform, including the step and gap between the train and platform. Other guides include those for people to plan their

journey avoiding stairs and a map showing stations with toilet facilities.

■ To download maps and explore the interactive guides, visit tfl.gov.uk/maps

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