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4th Stage

Head west, off the beaten track, across the 'Hackney Marshes' to the Homerton Road and over the Lea Navigation. Turn left onto Mabley Green, (passing new green-roofed, architect designed changing rooms) and head for an enormous boiler in the centre of the playing fields. Continue trajectory to east steps on western edge of green, and ascend onto Mabley Street. Continue onto the Homerton Road and turn left, following along to head left into the busy Wick Road and across into Victoria Park, on your right. Divert into the park (take some deep breaths in the quiet greenery) before returning to the Wick Road and heading right. Pass first under the A12 East Cross Road flyover and then under the railway lines, turning left onto the 'Eastway' (along here you will find a small, architect designed, recreation space and further on, the Cre8 'lifestyle centre' in an old Public Baths building; a lively locally run initiative with a new community garden to the rear created by Angel Diggers).

3rd Stage

Continue along Eastway and across the Lea, turn right along the leafy riverside footpath to locate the new Hackney Marshes Community Centre (dramatic architect designed slab of a building with rusty cladding), and through its centre.

2nd Stage

At Ruckholt Road, bear left of the three terraced houses down side road past community allotment site (a hive of family gatherings in good weather). Emerge onto junction (note place making initiatives: 'Leyton' signage on masts with bird boxes, 574m sign, magnificent pink flowers and durable Olympic winners plinth). Cross the new footbridge 'Walham Forest Welcomes You', and along the north side of the Eastway (passing beneath the future North Entrance Bridge to QEOP).

5th Stage

Leaving Cre8 take Osborne Road opposite, proceeding along into Berkshire Road then find a pedestrian cut through on your right (here you will discover another architectural addition to the public realm: an orchard). Turn left out of orchard onto Brinkworth Way and left again. At the end of this road you will see a public space cleverly disguised as a road (a bench tarmacked into the road surface, an invention titled 'Street Interrupted'), and find 'See Studio' and the 'Hackney Pearl' where you might enjoy a well-earned break. Follow the road to the left then head right along Wallis Road, under the railway-bridge and left along White Post Lane. The footbridge at the end here leads to the Copper Box and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (explore the park, refresh at Timber Lodge, play at tumbling bay...) then retrace your steps to locate Hackney Wick Station.

5th Stage

Retrace your steps to the White Building and cross the bridge to the Copper Box and on to the QEOP. Make your way to the Timber Lodge for MUFFIN SEVEN (and explore the park). Leave by the South East exit. Proceed down Westfield Avenue to Westfield Stratford City. MUFFIN EIGHT, before descending back to Stratford Station.

4th Stage

Proceed along Roach Road, over the footbridge and turn right along the canal towpath. Follow around to left and then ascend ramp to White Post Lane where you will find the Legacy Project supported White Building for MUFFIN FIVE (supported pizza and a beer - alternatively the German Deli in the industrial estate opposite the park; wholesome sausage and soup lunches). You can cross the bridge here to access the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park but we suggest a short diversion into the delights of Hackney Wick. Walk away from the bridge along White Post Lane (passing the Yard - a new rough and ready theatre and arts space) continuing right along White Post Lane (past the bus stop for the B1X park). From here turn right under the rail bridge into Wallis Road and left into Trobridge Road to find See Studio and the Hackney Pearl for MUFFIN SIX.

3rd Stage

Cross the water at the footbridge (a smart new architect designed and Olympic ready addition) and double back onto the A118, turning left alongside the flyover. Pass the Porsche Showroom (and cross road to Dana's Yard Kitchen for MUFFIN TWO. Re-cross the road, head left and follow sign to Bowback Rivers Towpath, passing left along the waterside then right onto Pudding Mill Lane. Pass under railway to the right of Pudding Mill Lane Station, continue up onto the Greenway and divert right to the View Tube for MUFFIN THREE. Proceed back along the Greenway (past the stadium) until the Greenway ends and meets Wick Lane, where steps on your right lead down to Bream Street. Continue along to turn left down Bream Street (or divert to end of Bream Road to view the architect's canal here). Wind right through traditional industrial area (some graffiti masterpieces here) to find the Stour Space and Counter Café for MUFFIN FOUR.

2nd Stage

From Three Mills Green (a pleasant open green space with a new adventure play area 'Wild Kingdom'), proceed with water on your right side along to Three Mills Lane to find the House Mill (a beautiful renovated mill with small café for MUFFIN ONE - this can be obtained 'renew' mill is closed). Proceed along the cobbled lane across the river and then immediately right along the towpath, passing under the A11 (many upgrades underway) here.

LEA VALLEY DRIFT

Oliver Froome-Lewis & Chloe Street
MAP 02: QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

MAP 01 WALK A
MAP 02 WALK B
WALK C

LEYTON TUBE
short cut (start here)

new railings

1st Stage

Emerge from the main entrance of Stratford Station (view to large silver fish on stalks) and head left, ascending dramatic staircase onto new footbridge to Westfield. Pass along the main external shopping 'arcade' (avert your eyes) through doors into shopping centre and across to Stratford International. Turn right along Hitchcock Lane (train-spot for Eurostars on their way to Paris, Lille or Brussels) then left into Montfichet Road and bear right over the local tracks. Head left along the Leyton Road past a series of industrial units (their days are numbered: note stickers 'backed the bid' on window of the Wheelers Public House, now sadly closed). Turn right here along to High Road Leyton, head left and divert right down Chandos Road to find the new architect designed Chandos East 'Community Hub'. Back on High Road Leyton, continue along the new footpath (past tarmacked playing field, hoping its intended makeover comes soon). Proceed up the hill to Leyton Tube Station, and along Leytonstone High Street, a popular local shopping spot (watch out! architectural upgrade works here: matching shop canopies, pastel paint colours, poetic pavements...). Turn left through Coronation Gardens, don't get lost in the maze, and onto Oliver Road.

Sixty Squirrels: Leyton, Parks and Gardens Walk B

Eight Muffins: Cafes and Waterways Walk C

1st Stage

From the entrance of Stratford Station cross the bus park, heading towards the Stratford Centre (old school, second competitor) located behind the silvery fish. Turn right along Great Eastern Road, right down Stratford High Street and then left down Bridge Road alongside the DLR tracks (pass Abbey Gardens 'stickers' on your left). Turn right onto Abbey Road at the station, follow the bridge over the marshalling yard and turn left up Canning Road to join the Greenway. Go right along the Greenway (view Abbey Mills Pumping Station in the distance) before descending steps on right. Loop under the Greenway onto Abbey Lane, wind through Newham residential, across footbridge, over the Lea and into Three Mills Green.

ROUTE	DISTANCE	FAST	DRIFT
WALK A	10m/16km	2h30m	6h00m
WALK B	07m/11km	1h50m	4h30m
WALK C	05m/08km	1h10m	3h00m

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