

Hackney Wild Walks

Haggerston to Hoxton: a giant snake, a stone circle & a secret garden

This is an interesting walk with lots to see! You can bring your scooter as there are no steps. It's 2.1km if you take the Overground back to the start or 2.6km if you walk.



Start at Haggerston Station, you should see Stonebridge Gardens next to the station. Go through the gate to find a surprising slithery sight.

On a black silent night that a silver moon crowned,
A snake emerged from the Underground.
A turquoise monster, it made hardly a sound,
As it slithered its way through Haggerston town.
Down Kingsland Road it slowly unwound,
Til it went to sleep on a grassy mound.
You can climb and clamber, jump up and down,
On his coils coiled around this little playground.

Under the railway is a beautiful peace mural designed by local children – how many symbols can you see? You've already done 300m.

Turn left and take the ramp on the right down onto the tow path. You will go under two bridges – watch out for cyclists! Ting! Ting!

Ones, twos, threes and fours,
Can you count canoes, paddles and oars?

After the second bridge, take the ramp back up behind you onto Queensbridge Road. What do you think of the huge Shoreditch sign?

Turn right up Appleby, a treat is in store!
St Mary's Secret Garden, let's go and explore.
There are toilets if needed, and nice places to sit,
Many bugs to find, plants and flowers to sniff.

This stone circle must have some history, but now to us it's just a mystery!

Alternate return route up Kingsland Road

Hoxton Station, our final destination!
Can you see the gardens behind the Geoffrye Museum?
And now you can jump on a train (under 11 year olds are free!) and see what you can spot from the Overground, or walk back up Kingsland Road.

Along Dunloe Street is the beautiful St Chad's Church, what do you think it was like here when it was new 150 years ago?

Leave the park by the gate next to St Saviour's Priory. Pop round the corner and look up to see a lamb!

Key:
★ Start
— Each pink line = approx 100m