Hackney Wild Walks

Hackney Marsh & Kingsmead:
boats, bumps & boulders

A lovely circular walk with woods and wide open spaces, bumps to ride and a boulder to climb. Look out for one of the amazing adventure playgrounds.

Key:
★ Start
- Route of walk

Left after the footbridge, into Daubeney Fields park. Cross the grass, round the football pitch, where players make their mark.

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Next stop on the route is Hackney Bumps. A skate park for scooters to ride over lumps. For boarders to speed and swoop up the humps, And BMX bikers to practice their jumps.

You’re almost at the finish, just 300 metres more. Some secrets are awaiting if you go past number four. Can you see on your right there is a small passage to enter? Behind it lies a garden, playground and community centre.

Is this big rock an asteroid from space? Or the beagy from the nose of a monstrous race? It’s really an art work, of Cornish granite it’s made. Can you climb up the sides or sit in its shade?

Count the canal boats! How many can you see? Which one has the best name?

There’s the Daubeney Road bridge, appearing into sight. The Water Jugglers sculpture should be on your right. Turning to your left now, cross the bridge you shall. You’ve reached the half-way point, once you’re over the canal.

You can take a short diversion, through the woods on your right, You’ll find Hackney Marshes: a great place to fly a kite!

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Can you see the slate on top of the bridge as you cross? Turn left down the steps onto the canal path (or walk on and next left if you want to avoid steps) That’s your first 200m done!

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