



London Greenways Challenge 2022 - Route 1 - January - Princess Diana Memorial



<p>Route Description:</p>	<p>The walk passes between Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, Green Park and St. James's Park in a figure-eight pattern, passing five sites that are associated with Princess Diana's life: Kensington Palace, Spencer House, Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, and Clarence House. It is marked with ninety individual plaques, each of which has a heraldic rose etched in the centre made of aluminium. Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who was the Chairman of the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Committee was quoted as saying it is "one of the most magnificent urban parkland walks in the world." The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk is in London, and celebrates the life of the Princess of Wales who died in a car accident on 31 August 1997 in Paris.</p>
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IMPORTANT: There are **90 plaques on the route (as above)** to show you which path to take - follow the triangle (arrow) If the plaque has multiple arrows then it means that this is an intersection on the route.

There are very few routes that have this many trail signs which is a good thing BUT can also lead you into thinking that every path has a plaque - they don't. The important thing is that most paths have one. You are probably never more than a few hundred metres (a few minutes walk) from a plaque. Let your instincts guide you - if you miss some and are on a nearby path 'heading in the right direction' then that is fine.

PLEASE REMEMBER that the No.1 rule of the London Greenways is to enjoy yourself.

You will not be penalised for making any errors on any of the routes.

The walk was constructed at a cost of £1.3 million. No member of the Royal Family was present at its opening.

Route Distance:

7 Miles (11 KM)

Curated By:

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Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1cTk5s4GWTo4w9-Cd4OiV-XwhuzBG5mpq&ll=51.506020294439054%2C-0.1582250000>

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GPX File:	http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/RoutesLinksWalks/the-diana-princess-of-wales-memorial-walk-walking-route#google_vignette
Public Transport:	Bayswater Tube (Circle, District Lines) - 5 minute walk to start Queensway Tube (Central Line)
Start Point:	<p>Walk past the Princess Diana Playground entrance on your right if heading from the Tube stations (where there is a good cafe and toilets) and you will see a Sign-post - see picture below. You will start here and finish back here</p> 
End Point:	Same as Start Point

Diversions



Winter Wonderland: For the first week in January the Winter Wonderland site will still be in Hyde Park.

Normally the Princess Diana route takes you through the WW site but you will need to run around the side and follow the green fence all the way around to Hyde Park Corner.

Cafe Stop:

Many great cafes in all of the four parks. We recommend St James Cafe which is at the halfway mark and a great place to sit inside if a respite from the weather is needed.

Near the start and finish is the Princess Diana Playground cafe - can highly recommend their coffee and pain au raisin!

Instagram Spots:

In front of Buckingham Palace
Looking up the epic expanse of the Mall
In front of Kensington Palace
By the swimmers at Serpentine

Hashtags:

#princessdianamemorialwalk #londongreenways #caminoultra

Medal Preview:



Overall Puzzle Medal:

Medals will be sent out from w/c 10th - depending on when you complete the challenge. It will be the first piece in the 2022 puzzle!!

Social & Prizes

Please do follow us on Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/camino_ultra/

We will be looking out for your posts and stories so please do use the hashtags listed above

Keep an eye for London Greenways events listed exclusively on our Strava Group:

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/camino-ultra>

ROUTE 1 Prizes:

You will receive an email shortly about the one-off Prize for all subscribers of the January route.

Only subscribers can be in with a chance of these prizes and the exact prize details and rules will be shared in the email