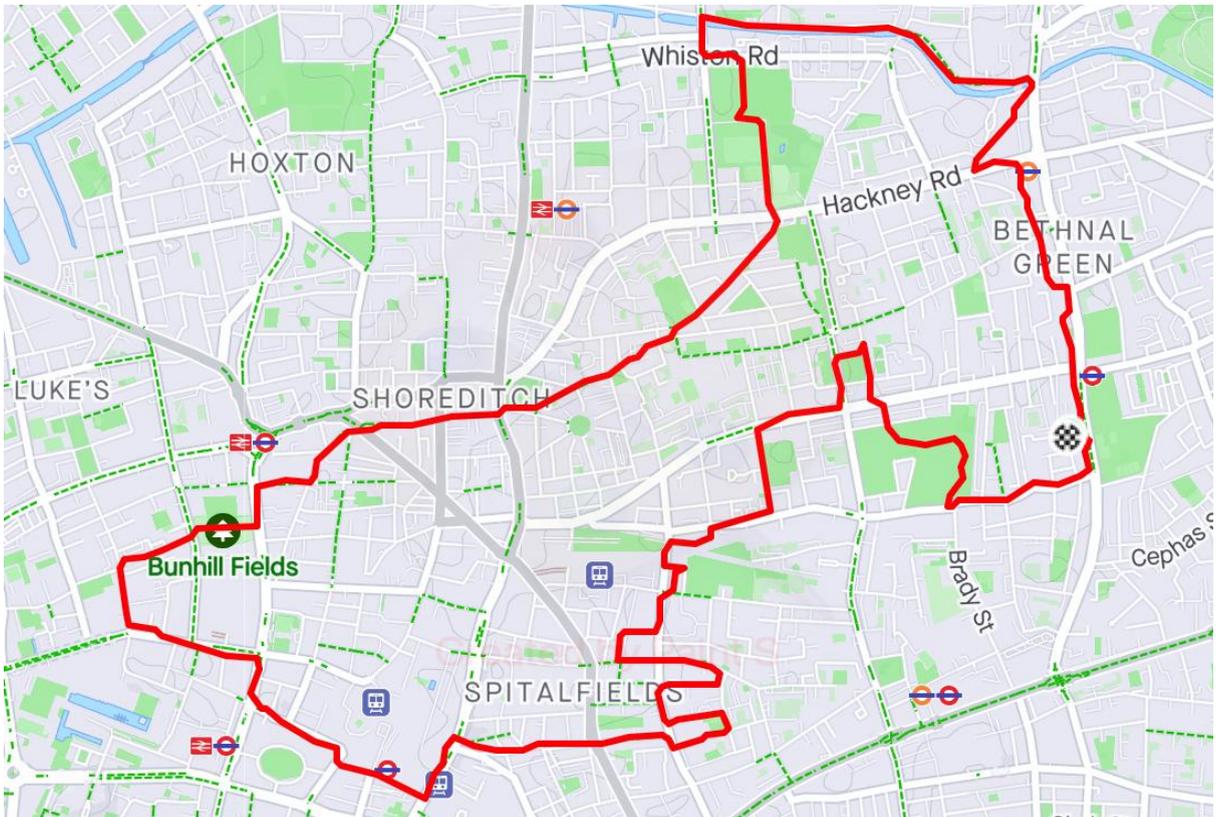




London Greenways Challenge 2022

Route #9 September - Exit through the Greenways



Route Description:

In researching the Greenways of London we were often struck by the beauty of the graffiti and art-work that filled our streets as we ran in between parks and forest.

We decided to pay homage to this and to the mecca of Shoreditch - one of the key hunting grounds for Banksy - the graffiti artist who so changed our landscape over the past twenty years.

Any lovers of modern graffiti will know that the 'art' that you are looking at might change from day to day. In the case of Banksy's work much of it was either destroyed, painted over or 'attacked' by other artists. One such infamous feud existed between Banksy and London based artist John Robertson - otherwise known as 'King Robbo'.

In 2004 Banksy painted another of his 'Rat' series with a placard reading 'London Doesn't Work'. Some time later Robbo stepped up the feud by painting ' I Love London, Robbo' on it. Unlike most of Banksy's 'street-level' works which would have been destroyed by now it appears that the untimely death of Robbo seems to have helped keep this piece 'untouched' for



over 15 years.

You will see this Banksy/Robbo as you head towards the Barbican. As you turn into Chiswell St keep a close eye on your left hand side and the stencil is at 'ground-level' on a side wall facing you.



Another Banksy or the remnants of one that we pass on this Greenway is found on the corner of the Bethnal Green Working Men's Club. Called 'Yellow Flower' it depicted a scene where a 'double yellow line workman' had continued his work off and up the wall - crafting a gorgeous flower. Today you can still see the flower!!!! This can be found on Pollard Street.

The other Banksy that is specifically on this route (PLEASE SEE THEM ALL) is in the courtyard of the former mega-club 'Cargo' on Rivington Street (another incredible source for so much iconic graffiti) - you need to pop your head just inside the courtyard!

Named 'DesignatedGraffiti Area' this affectionate Banksy was 'giving artists permission' to stencil in that area - well what was a policeman with a poodle going to do about it.



This route is a loop and can be started and finished wherever suits you. You will see on the GPX /Strava files that there are several stations you could start at - including Liverpool St - Bethnal Green on the Central and also the overground version. An amazing amount of shops and bars and restaurants as well as museums and markets are in this area - so why not time it with some local fun.

Like with all Greenways you can add on some if you wish to increase the distance. Here is an article that includes some of the other [Banksy artworks](#) that can be found within a few miles of our Greenway route - why not create your own Banksy route.

Brick Lane: As you can see on the route map - we tend to go on a nice meander around the streets 'off Brick Lane' because there are just an infinite amount of incredible (small + big + look up high) graffiti works. If you miss a street or do another one then it does not matter - explore and enjoy.

Greenways on the Greenways: There are three parks that you go through as part of this route:

Haggerston

Bunhill Fields

Weavers Fields

It is not important what route you take inside of these three parks - you can stick to the paths or you could go around the sides and enjoy the 'green'. In Weavers Fields we actually take you through the 'forest' called Weavers Woodland trail - IF YOU ARE RUNNING ALONE and you don't wish to go into the woodland then just follow the main field down to Dunbridge St/Three Colts Lane.

SAFETY WARNING:

Several 'alleyways' and small streets have been selected because of their graffiti interest. We do not recommend that you do this route at unsociable hours if you are alone.



PLEASE REMEMBER that the No.1 rule of the Greenways Challenge is to enjoy yourself. You will not be penalized for making any errors on any of the routes.

Route Distance:

Greenways Challenge Medal Route: 11 km / 7 miles

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GPX File:	https://www.strava.com/activities/7669392322 https://www.komoot.com/tour/899732921/
Public Transport:	<p>As this is a looped Greenways then you can start and end a place that is easiest for you to get to</p> <p>Liverpool Street Station is probably the best for most people Also Bethnal Green or Old St</p>
Start Point:	We started at Bethnal Green tube station but by all means start at whichever London part of the route suits you most.
DIVERSION	No Current diversion identified
End Point:	Where you start
Cafe & WC Stop:	<p>There are so many incredible places to eat and drink on this route. At Bethnal Green you can either start by the Beehive (coffee).</p> <p>If you are more adventurous then you could go to one of London's oldest cafes 'El Pellici' which was the Krays favourite.</p> <p>Behind the Beehive is Paradise Row for amazing food and cocktails.</p> <p>Our Social in September will be at the cool craft Brewery called 'Boxcar Brewery'</p>

Medal Preview:



Overall Puzzle Medal:

Medals will be sent out depending on when you complete the challenge. It will be the 9th piece in the 2022 puzzle!!

Social & Prizes

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

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

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

Social Run on **THURSDAY the 22nd of September, 19:00 at the BOXCAR BREWERY - Birbeck Street - E2 6JY** see Strava for details