

For families, friends, hikers and lone explorers

the journey begins...

Alighting at Enfield Town brings you smartly into the town centre with the main shopping centre close to hand. The PalaceXchange extension is a really attractive, contemporary addition, where the elegant Pearsons department store rubs shoulders with newcomers Next, Oasis and Top Shop and a handy Café Nero.

Opposite, Enfield market has been plying its trade for over 700 years and is still going strong today. But if matters of a more spiritual nature interest you, just behind the market place, St Andrew's Church offers a serene and quiet refuge.

What else about Enfield...

Enfield Town is a thriving, modern market town. With a new library and arts centre on the way and an attractive extension to its shopping centre, it looks set to become an even more popular destination. But there is a far older and richer history to discover here too. During the early 12th Century, Enfield was a collection of small communities spread around the royal deer hunting grounds of the day. Only a small amount of the original forest remains, but the area still brims with beautiful countryside, parkland and magical old houses.

the journey continues...

If you've nipped round the shops, and fancy a change of scene then you're in luck. If it's landscapes and countryside you want, you couldn't pick a better area of London to explore. Walk back past Enfield Town station and Willow Road and join the New River on your left. This is a manmade waterway that was constructed

originally to bring water into London. One leisurely 30-minute walk north later, you'll be trotting up the driveway of Capel Manor - a major specialist centre for garden and landscape design. As you'd expect, the 30-acre gardens are full of fantastic horticultural ideas from sensory landscaping to suburban idylls.



Enfield River

If this whets your appetite for plant life, retrace your steps along the river for about 10 minutes and take a right turn at Turkey Street, you'll come out at Bulls Cross Road and see directly in front, Myddelton House. Cars drive by here very fast, so be careful to watch out for your young companions. This is the headquarters of the Lee Valley Regional Park and the house is set in pretty, decorative gardens - fine examples of what the whole area has to offer. With only the distant hum of the M25 to tell you otherwise, you'll soon find yourself thinking relaxed countryside thoughts.

now the journey gets interesting...

On leaving Myddelton House you can either rejoin the river walking south, or take a right and walk down Bulls Cross towards Forty Hill. Along the road, there is some really striking Georgian and Victorian architecture to see. Truly impressive is Jesus Church, Forty Hill, built in 1885, which rises splendidly on your left, in London brick, out of this increasingly rural setting. Luckily, it is just a short jump from our next destination, the remarkable Forty Hall.

Designed by Inigo Jones, Forty Hall is a fantastic 17th century mansion house, which overlooks a pretty pond and the rolling hills beyond. It fair and squarely dominates the area and the surrounding acres of beautiful parkland, forest and ornamental gardens - all free to enjoy and explore.

For families, friends, couples and singles

It's interior is, of course, somewhat worn with age, but nevertheless contains some interesting local exhibits, including fascinating maps of greater London, some of which are a mighty 500 years old. The house remains stately, however. Every room has a beautiful aspect - long, bright windows and ornate high ceilings. You can imagine clearly, the elegant gentry who once walked its halls - it was in the Parker-Bowles' family for generations.



Forty Hall

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Fascinatingly, the area has always had a connection with the Royal Family. The Elizabethan stately home Elsynge Hall is also assumed to have stood nearby - exactly where, nobody knows. This, the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh was supposed to have thrown his cloak over a puddle so Queen Elizabeth could walk over it without getting wet. Look out for water of the frozen kind if you visit during winter when a popular ice rink graces the grounds.

If by this time you have had your fill of walking, pomp, plants and ceremony then this is a good spot to make your way back home. Come out of Forty Hall and turn right down Forty Hill until you reach the pretty village area. Here take the far left turning down Myddelton Avenue and the quick-as-you-like 10-minute bus journey (W10) back to Enfield Town.



Go on indulge yourself...

Alternatively, if you'd like to get some lunch before you head off, take a right along Clay road and stop off at the Rose and Crown pub for a bite to eat. Likewise the Enfield Town bus runs from here too. A few steps along from the Rose and Crown, there's a sign for **Whitewebbs Café**. Perhaps this may suit as a handy alternative to eating at the pub. But the path also serves Whitewebbs Golf Club. From here, the rolling hills that open out to view are quite lovely. And if you're feeling really adventurous, there's the opportunity to set out on the hearty 7-mile walk across Whitewebbs Park (marked in the A to Z and on Explorer map 174) all the way to Crews Hill.

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Much of the route lies in open fields, but a fair chunk goes past or through some of those mysterious ancient woods. The M25 motorway is crossed twice and it all ends at **Crews Hill**. Crews Hill itself has one of the largest concentrations of specialist garden centres, nurseries and aquatic centres in the UK. There is a vast range of plants and shrubs to pick over as well as specialists to meet, in

garden design, landscaping and full garden maintenance. Here also is the **Whitewebbs Museum of Transport** (only open Tuesday's and last Sunday of the month), which offers the perfect excuse to discover some gleaming examples of Victorian engineering.

For friends and single explorers (The Dollis Valley is suitable for families)

If the hike sounds like a step too far for you, fear not. You can also take the W10 from the Rose and Crown (in the opposite direction to Enfield Town) all the way there. From Crews Hill, you can either pick up the train at Crews Hill station or take the 20-minute bus journey back to where you started at Enfield Town.



Take a break

contact information

London Transport

T: +44 (0)20 7222 1234

E: travinfo@tfl.gov.uk

W: www.tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner

Train. Two train operators work in Enfield - First Capital Connect serves the west of the borough and starts from either Kings Cross or Moorgate and ONE serves the east, leaving from London's Liverpool Street station.

W: www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk

W: www.onerailway.com

Enfield Town

Train. Enfield Town, Southbury Road, Enfield, EN1 1YX

Bus. An extensive bus network serves Enfield and London generally, providing good links across the borough and into other London boroughs and neighbouring counties.

Road. Enfield has an excellent road network with the M25, the North Circular Road, A1M and A10 all running through the borough.

PalaceXchange

Located at Hatton Walk

Pedestrian entrances via The Town and Cecil Street

W: www.palacexchange.com

St Andrew's Church

Behind Market Square

Enfield

W: www.st-andrew-enfield.com

New River

Enter off Southbury Road, Enfield

Capel Manor

Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 4RQ

W: www.capel.ac.uk

Rail. Turkey Street and 20 minute walk/ Enfield Town and 30-minute walk

Opening times

March to October: Open daily, 10am - 6pm. Last ticket at 4.30pm

November to February: Open weekdays only, 10am - 5.30pm,

Last ticket at 4.00pm

Myddelton House

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield, EN2 9HG

T: +44 (0)1992 717711

W: www.leevalleypark.org.uk

Forty Hall

Forty Hill, Enfield, EN2 9HA

T: +44 (0)20 8363 8196

E: forty.hall@enfield.gov.uk

W: www.enfield.gov.uk

Rail. Turkey Street Station and 20-minute walk/ Enfield Town, Enfield Chase or Southbury and 191 bus.

Bus. 191 or W10 to roundabout at Myddelton Avenue and then 10-minute walk up Forty Hill.

Rose and Crown

85 Clay Hill, Enfield, EN2 9AJ

T: +44 (0)208 3660864

F: +44 (0)208 3676575

Bus. W10 from Enfield Town

Whitewebbs Café

(Off Clay Road)

Whitewebbs Golf Club, Whitewebbs Lane, Enfield, EN2 9HH

T: +44 (0)20 8363 4454

F: +44 (0)20 8366 2257

Crews Hill

W: www.crewshill.com

Rail Crews Hill/ Enfield Town and 20 minute bus journey

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport

Whitewebbs Road, Enfield, EN2 9HW

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F: +44 (0)20 8363 1904

W: www.whitewebbsmuseum.co.uk

Rail. Crews Hill

