

For friends, family (and some children friendly activity)

the journey begins...

A good place to start exploring the area is Southgate tube on the northern reaches of the Piccadilly tube line. This part of the line was built during the 1930s and a number of its stations, including Oakwood and Cockfosters, were designed by art deco architect impresario, Charles Holden. Southgate station is worth a

visit just for this alone. Built in what was known as the Streamline Moderne look in brick, concrete and glass, the impressive circular structure looks like a cross between a UFO and a small concert hall, complete with bronze paneling and geometric deco design, harking back to a more decorative age.

What else about Trent Park...

Trent Park has a long history of leisure, sport and creativity. In Tudor times, it formed part of Enfield Chase, a traditional hunting ground for the court of Henry VIII. Today you are more likely to spot students traversing the beautiful swathes of remaining parkland than lords and ladies. But the bustling student population inhabits an area, of which a significant part remains largely as it has always been. Moreover, this is an area where history and iconic period design have grown sympathetically over time, from Southgate's 1930s tube station to Humphry Repton's landscape architecture in the ground of Trent Park Mansion. The impressive mix of sport and culture all at the end of the Piccadilly tube line provides more than enough stimulation to keep you busy for many a weekend.

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From here, travel one stop eastbound to Oakwood, turn left out of the main exit and follow the sign from the station to the bus stop for students from Middlesex University. Here you can squash into the small white (free) student bus that takes undergraduates onto the Trent Park campus. It comes every 15 minutes, and takes you to the Mansion House at the centre of the university campus - a nifty way to enter the beautiful **Trent Park**.

In an earlier incarnation, the Mansion House was home to Phillip Sassoon, brother of the famous First World War poet, Siegfried and during the Second World War was a special prison, holding captive German generals and officers. Today it functions as the University teaching and administration buildings, yet nonetheless remains an impressive building.



Trent Park

The real breathtaking reason to come onto this campus however is the easy access it presents to Trent County Park. Officially green belt, the park marks the line where city turns to country. Its acres of publicly accessible countryside enclose farmland, woods to get lost in and the Trent Park Golf Course and Club and Trent Park Equestrian Centre. Its rolling hills and dramatic stone structures are a real world away from what you'd ever expect to find anywhere so close to the capital city.

now the journey gets interesting...

Features of the original landscaping by late 18th century landscape architect Humphry Repton remain, including a slender and eye-catching obelisk that you can view from

the back of the mansion, separating the tress on the horizon, as well as an impressive avenue of lime trees, ornamental lakes and a water garden.

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Now, if you fancy some culture of an interior kind, take the student bus back to Oakwood Tube and walk to the bus stop directly in front of the station. From here, take any bus that goes to Cat Hill and get off just before the first major roundabout. Walk towards the roundabout, turn left and cross the road and you will come to the Middlesex University Cat Hill campus. Here, walking in to your right past the main building you'll discover MoDA. If interior design is your thing, the Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture may well be your idea of heaven.



MoDA

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MoDA has two floors of exhibits that celebrate the history of interiors from 30s wallpaper and 50s living rooms to a really fantastic early TV cabinet. MoDA's outstanding collections throw light on what homes looked like in different moments in history and how people lived in them. Yet what's really fascinating is how the museum mixes social history with our taste in chintz or flock. If you'd prefer to browse a little more deeply through their

envious collection of domesticity, alongside the gallery there is a study room that is accessible to the public - but remember to book time before you go if you'd like to do this. Also there is a busy programme of practical workshops, study days, events and talks, all providing educational, informative and entertaining experiences for adults and children alike.



Chickenshed Theatre

If early evening approaches and you're still eager to have some fun, you're in luck. Opposite the Cat Hill campus is The Chickenshed theatre. It is home to a remarkable organisation. Way back in 1974, Chickenshed was nothing but the inspired flicker of an idea in the imaginations of Mary Ward and Jo Collins. They wanted to develop a theatre group that was accessible to all.

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From its lowly beginnings in its old chicken shed premises, Chickenshed have gone on to develop a creative process that has a commitment to involving people who would usually be at risk of getting left out because of their health, social development, or ethnicity, at its heart. Now with a home in a fantastic venue - and creative franchises across the capital, their's has been a truly British success story. The fantastic performances,

workshops and new writing, cut through with boundless energy will provide a truly entertaining end to your day.

At the end of your night, take the bus from outside the theatre to Southgate and you're back on the Piccadilly line and on your way home.

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Trent Park

Cockfosters Road, Enfield, N14

Tube. Cockfosters and Oakwood

Rail. New Barnet and Enfield Chase

Trent Park Golf Course and Club

Bramley Road, N14

W: www.trentparkgolf.com**Trent Park Equestrian Centre**

East Pole Farmhouse, Bramley Road, N14 4XS

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Tube. Oakwood and the University operate a free minibus service between Oakwood station and Trent Park. The service runs every fifteen minutes between 7.00am and 1.10am hours during term time. The bus stop for the minibus is to the left of the exit to Oakwood station, on the same side of the road.

Train. Enfield Chase and the 121 or 307 bus from directly outside the station and alight at Oakwood underground station. Or New Barnet. and the 307 bus from the station to the bus stop opposite Oakwood underground station.

Bus. 121, 307 or 377 bus from Oakwood underground station

Cat Hill Campus

Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 8HT

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Tube: Cockfosters station you need to walk left down Cockfosters Road until you reach the roundabout. Cross straight over the roundabout onto Chase Side. You will walk past the Chickenshed Theatre on your left and the Cat Hill campus will be on your right.

You can also reach Cat Hill from the Southgate tube station also on the Piccadilly line. Cat Hill campus is quite a walk from Southgate tube station so you can catch the 298 or the 299 bus the bus stop just before Cat Hill roundabout.

Train: New Barnet and the 307 bus from the station to the bus stop on the left just after Cat Hill roundabout

Bus: 298, 299 or 307 buses to Cat Hill roundabout

Museum of Domestic Design & Architecture (MoDA)

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Tube: Oakwood or Cockfosters, then 15 minute walk to MoDA at Cat Hill

Bus: 298, 299 and 307 to Cat Hill roundabout

Train: New Barnet, then 307 bus to Cat Hill roundabout.

Car: From M25 take exit 24 signposted A111 Cockfosters for approximately three miles to Cat Hill roundabout. Access to MoDA is via either Chase Side or Cat Hill. A limited number of parking spaces are available on the Cat Hill Campus.

Chickenshed

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Tube: Oakwood or Cockfosters 10-15 minute walk, located at the junction of Chase Side and Bramley Road. Cockfosters station you need to walk left down Cockfosters road until you reach the roundabout. Cross straight over the roundabout onto Chase Side. You will walk past the Chicken Shed Theatre on your left and the Cat Hill campus will be on your right.

Bus: 298, 299, 307, 699 and N91 stop outside the theatre.

Car parking spaces are available in the slip road adjacent to the theatre (entrance on Chase Side).

