



Royal Crescent Gardens, © Stephanie Stephenson

# A Sunday walk through Notting Hill and North Kensington

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## A 4km walk from Notting Hill Gate tube station to Shepherd's Bush tube station.

We are fortunate that this area boasts some of the largest and finest squares in London. It is too large to see in a day, so this walk will focus on the larger, more diverse gardens which are open on Sunday.

From Notting Hill Gate, walk down Pembridge Gardens and you will come to the exquisite [Pembridge Square](#). It is a prizewinning and breathtakingly beautiful space, with various 'rooms' where you can sit and smell the roses, ponder life in a wild garden or dappled woody glade, let the children run free in the play area or discuss planting techniques with the gardeners.

Leaving the park to the west, head south down Pembridge Road then take a hard right onto Kensington Park Road to [Ladbroke Square Garden](#). This is a magnificent square and one of the largest private squares in London. Flanked by Kensington Park Gardens on one side and Ladbroke Square on the other, you can become lost in its variety and beauty.

Heading up Ladbroke Grove you'll come across [Stanley Crescent Garden](#), built in 1852. This is a smaller square containing many old and protected trees. After enjoying this largely unaltered, shady space you can either continue north to [Rosmead Garden](#) or alternatively walk back down Ladbroke Grove and take a trip to the peaceful woodland of [Hanover Gardens](#) in the heart of the Ladbroke Estate. It has views to the spire of St John's Church, and only birdsong and the bells of the church disturb the calm.

As it's Sunday, enjoy strolling along the picturesque streets and wide avenues of Holland Park en route to Norland Square. Head down Ladbroke Grove and turn right onto Holland Park Avenue, where you will find plenty of coffee shops and eateries, or instead enjoy the tranquil backstreets and admire the architecture of the area.

[Norland Square](#) was originally part of the Norland Estate, which is just a 10 minute stroll away. Enjoy drinks and cakes whilst listening to the birdsong before taking off again along Holland Park Avenue in the direction of Shepherd's Bush. If you have time, enjoy the beautiful tree-lined Addison Avenue along the way.

Just opposite the Hilton you'll notice the recently restored, award-winning [Royal Crescent Gardens](#), also part of the Norland Estate. This garden was laid out in 1846 by Robert Cantwell.

From here, you can take the subway across to Shepherd's Bush underground on the Central line; or perhaps it's time to take a trip round Westfield, go bowling, book a table for dinner or see that film you've been wanting to see!

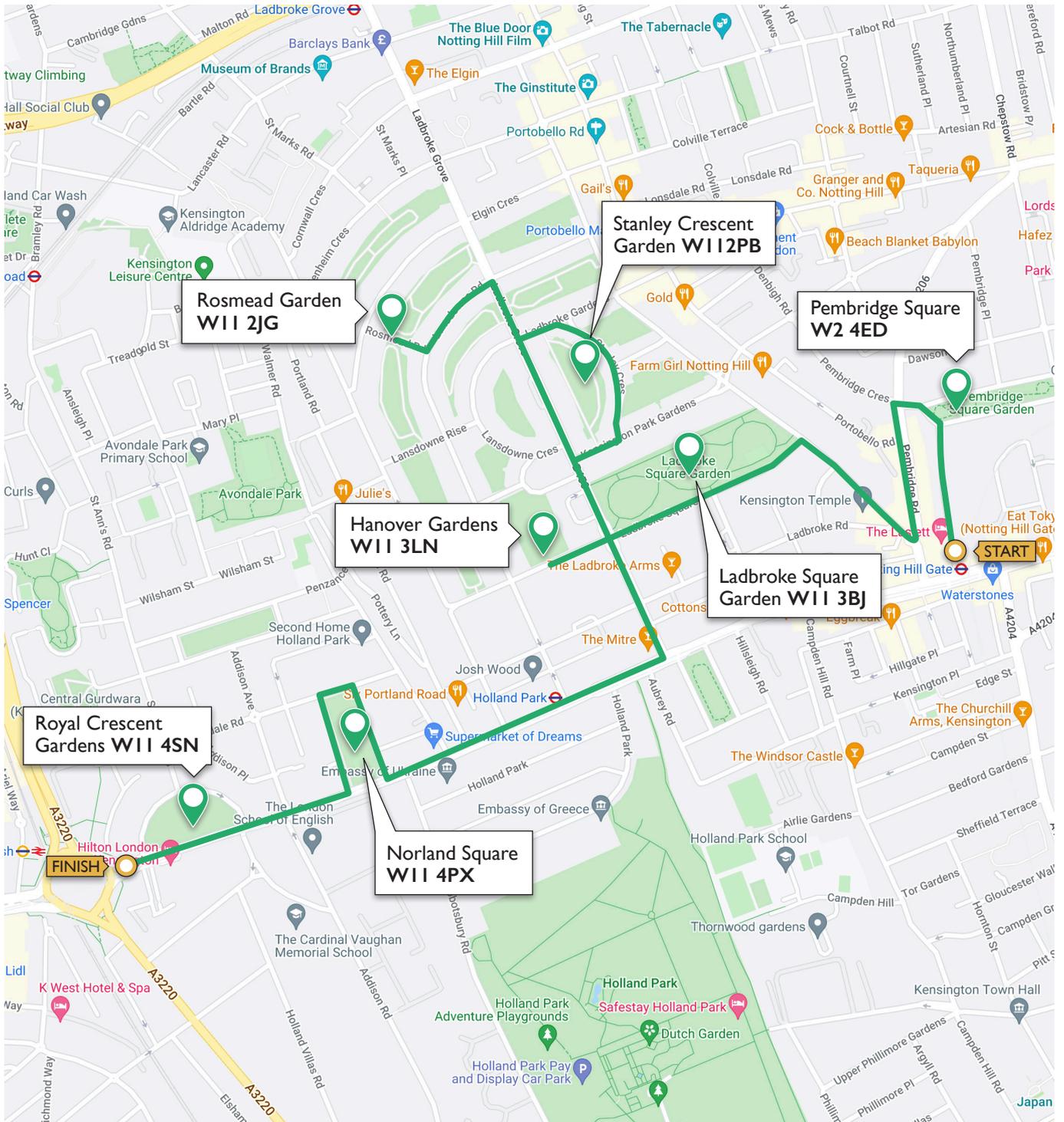




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## Walking route map



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