



## A Sunday afternoon walk from Gloucester Road to Sloane Square

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3km plus a tube journey, from Gloucester Road underground station to Sloane Square underground station

*Recommended by Garden Co-Ordinator Melanie Howard*

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From Gloucester Road tube station, turn left. Cross the Cromwell Road at the lights and continue along Gloucester Road. Take the third turning on your left onto Cornwall Gardens, then the first right along Launceston Place. A few yards along, turn left into Kynance Mews; there is a sign for Christ Church and a notice saying it is a pedestrian right of way to Victoria Road. Walk along the mews and, before you reach the end, turn right at the steps that lead to the Church.

These steps lead to **Growing Space at Christ Church (Sunday 12.30-5pm)**. Growing Space opened in 2019 as an edible and woodland garden in the grounds of the Church. It serves the community, the Church and local schoolchildren and aims to reconnect residents of all ages with nature and to teach them where good food comes from and how it is grown. There are raised beds, a sensory border, a woodland 'forest' and a small greenhouse here.

Leaving the garden, step onto Victoria Road, turn left then take the first left onto Eldon Road. Turn right at the end onto Stanford Road. Cross over St Albans Grove to Kensington Court Place. Follow the road round to the left to **Kensington Square (Sunday 10am-5pm)**, one of London's earliest squares dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (the first buildings date from 1682). Fields surrounded the square until 1840. Famous residents have included Sir Edward Burne-Jones, philosopher John Stuart Mill, musician Sir Charles Hubert Parry, and public health pioneer Sir John Simon. TS Elliot and Thackeray lived nearby.

Make your way up Young Street to High Street Kensington and turn left; High Street Kensington underground station is a little way along the road. Take the Circle Line four stops to Sloane Square.

Exiting Sloane Square Station, walk straight ahead towards Peter Jones on the King's Road. Walk along the King's Road for 200 yards until you come to **Markham Square (Sunday 2-5pm)** on your right, which first opened for LOG 25 years ago. Markham Square sits on the site of an old orchard; the first houses were built in 1825. In 1937, to celebrate the coronation of George VI, the garden was planted with flowering cherry trees, almonds and peaches. After WW2 it was redesigned by the Head Gardener from the Royal Hospital Chelsea as a private country garden. It now feels like a secret garden, as the impression it leaves on visitors inside is completely different to the one you expect when looking in. The garden is home to some rare shrubs and trees.

Retrace your steps to Sloane Square underground station to complete your visit.