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WHAT: 4 Royal London Parks walk of approx 4 miles

**WHEN: WED 16 MARCH 2022** 

TRANSPORT: TRAIN, WALK,

**BUS/TUBE** 

## TIME AND MEETING PLACE:

10.30am at Foyles bookshop opposite platform 17 at Waterloo mainline station. Ends around 12.30pm in Kensington Gardens.

**COST: return train and bus fares** 

Plus refreshment costs as needed.

**Leader: TIM PERRIN** 



Spring Walk – Westminster Bridge, St James Park, Green Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Palace Gardens, refreshments.

We meet outside Foyles bookshop on the concourse to Waterloo Station and then proceed to Jubilee Gardens and along the Thames to Westminster Bridge where we cross the river passing the newly restored Elizabeth Tower. From here we walk over to St. James Park once the site of a hospital for lepers and walk along by the lake looking out for the many species of birds including the famous pelicans.

Over the Mall by Buckingham Palace we come to Green Park which could be carpeted in early daffodils on this spring morning. Once the haunt of highwaymen and the site of many early morning duels, a walk around this park will take us to Hyde Park Corner and its impressive Wellington Arch. Crossing over the busy roads we then enter the largest of the 4 parks, Hyde Park. This park has seen many pop concerts and is the venue for the Autumn Proms in the Park. We take a stroll along the length of the Serpentine, the site of the swimming portion of the triathlon and the marathon swimming events in the 2012 Olympic games.

We cross the Serpentine over its only bridge and make for the Serpentine Lido café where we can enjoy a coffee or some light lunch but not before seeing the nearby Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain. After lunch we continue through Kensington Gardens to see the Peter Pan statue and on to the controversial new statue of Princess Diana. It will then be time to head back via Kensington Palace to the main Palace Gate of the park and travel home either by walking to Kensington High Street District line station or by catching a 49 bus to South Kensington District and Piccadilly underground station or on to Clapham Junction station for the rail journey back.

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