

WITTY WANDERER
PRESENTS

A WALKING TOUR THROUGH

Pints & Passages: An Islington Ale Amble

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DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	STOPS
≈ 2.7 km	≈ 2h 15m	Easy	4
STEPS ≈ 2,500			

FOX SPOTTING CHANCE
Low

When to start?

14:00–15:00
Avoids lunch crowds, ensures all pubs are open, and allows for a leisurely finish in The Albion's garden.

AVOID · **Friday/Saturday Evenings**
Pubs on this route get remarkably busy, making it harder to appreciate their charm.

ROUTE START
Angel Station (Northern Line)

FULL ROUTE
SCAN TO OPEN IN GOOGLE MAPS

BEFORE YOU START

Islington, with its grand Georgian terraces and quiet garden squares, holds more than just a passing interest for the discerning pub-goer. This stroll weaves between classic boozers and historic watering holes, where every pint comes with a side of local character. Put on your walking shoes; your thirst will be rewarded.

WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE

- *Glorious Victorian pub interiors and a surprisingly good amount of outdoor space.*
- *The quiet elegance of Islington's residential streets between bustling main roads.*
- *A chance to judge a pub by its beer garden, its history, and its locals.*

WALK BINGO



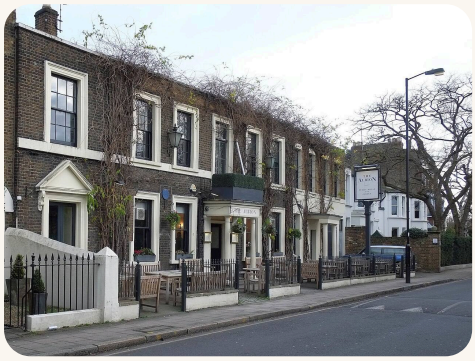
YOUR ROUTE

ROUTE START
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1. The Albion
2. The Foxglove
3. The Old Queen's Head

FINAL STOP
4. The Island Queen

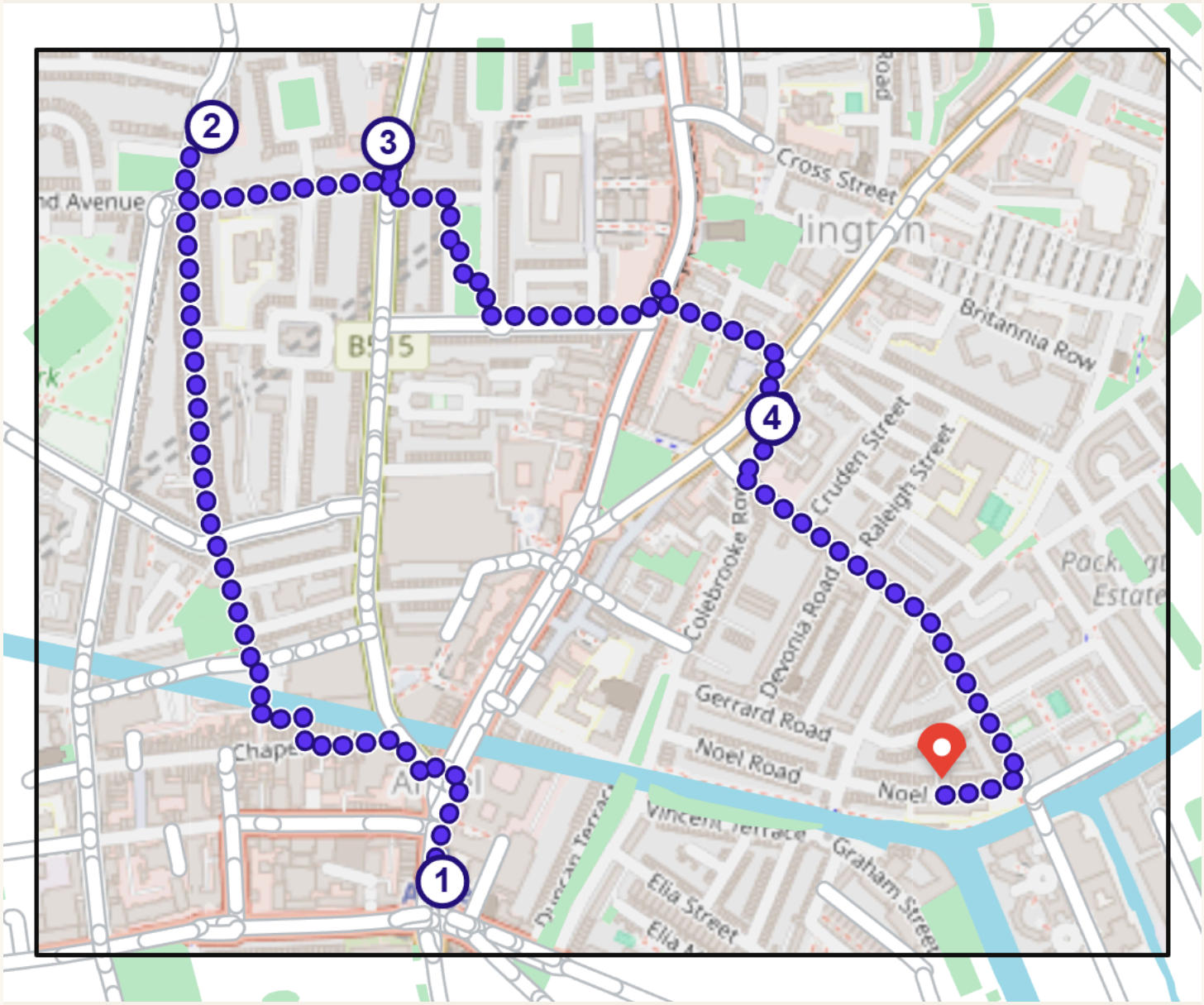
ALONG THE WAY







FULL ROUTE MAP



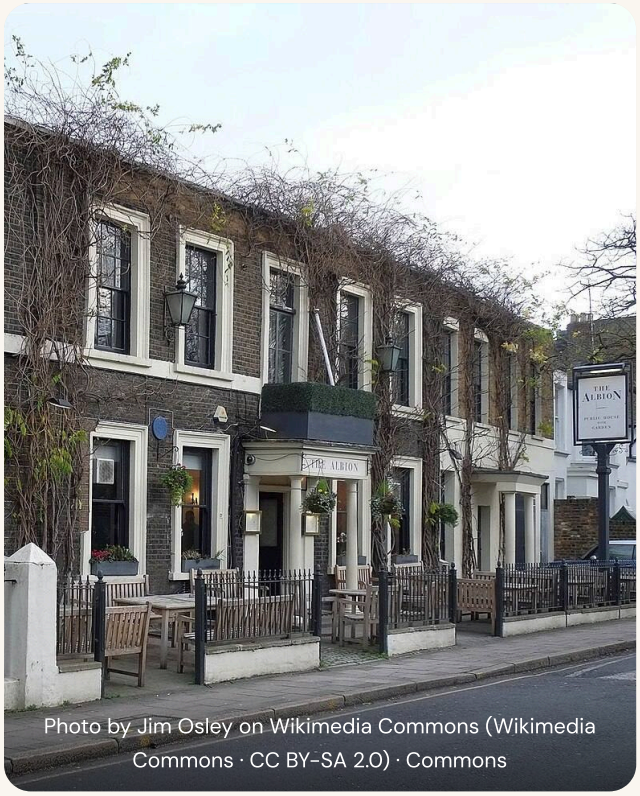


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STOP 01

The Albion

★★★★☆

25–30 min · 10 Thornhill Rd, London N1 1HW

MISSION

If it's a pleasant day, find a spot in the famous wisteria-draped garden. If not, settle into a cosy corner inside and soak up the traditional pub atmosphere.

TRIVIA

This 18th-century Georgian pub is renowned for its spectacular beer garden, famously covered in wisteria, making it a beautiful spot in spring and summer. It's an Islington institution.

POCKET SAVER

The average pint in Islington is around £6.50. Consider a half pint to sample more local ales without breaking the bank.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT STOP

Head out on Thornhill Road, then continue for about 70m. Turn left onto Richmond Avenue, then continue for about 200m. Turn right. Turn left. Turn right onto Liverpool Road.

CONTINUE THE WALK →

The Foxglove

0.4 km · approx. 5 min

SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS



STOP 02

The Foxglove

★★★★☆

20–25 min

209 Liverpool Rd, London N1 1LX

MISSION

Compare the vibe here to the Old Queen's Head. Is it a gastropub, a traditional local, or something in between? Note the details.

TRIVIA

Located on Liverpool Road, one of Islington's longest thoroughfares, this spot has a history steeped in community. It's often praised for keeping a consistently excellent pint.

FOXTRACK

The Fox - Ylvis

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT STOP

Head out on Liverpool Road, then continue for about 50m. Turn left onto Gibson Square, then continue for about 70m. Turn right onto Gibson Square, then continue for about 40m. Turn left. Turn right, then continue for about 40m.

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CONTINUE THE WALK →

The Old Queen's Head

SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS



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STOP 03

The Old Queen's Head

★★★★☆

20–25 min 121 Essex Rd, London N1 2SN

MISSION

Find the elaborate plasterwork and original features that survive upstairs. Imagine the various lives this building has seen since 1830.

TRIVIA

This grand pub has seen many incarnations, even hosting silent film screenings in its early days. Today, it's known for its diverse events, from quizzes to club nights.

POCKET SAVER

Check their website for happy hour deals, often found earlier in the week, or look for guest ales which can sometimes be better value.

FOXTRACK

"Waterloo Sunset" — The Kinks

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT STOP

Head out on Essex Road, then continue for about 100m. Turn right, then continue for about 250m. Turn right. Turn left onto Almeida Street, then continue for about 200m. Turn left onto Milner Place, then continue for about 90m.

CONTINUE THE WALK →

The Island Queen

0.6 km · approx. 8 min

SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS



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FINAL STOP 04 WITTY'S FAVOURITE

The Island Queen

★★★★☆

20–25 min 87 Noel Rd, London N1 8HD

MISSION

Take a moment to fully appreciate the stunning, largely unaltered Victorian interior. Find the carved wooden details and ornate glass.

TRIVIA

A truly magnificent example of a Victorian gin palace, built in 1848, it retains much of its original decor, from the etched glass to the intricate tiling. It's a genuine step back in time.

FOXTRACK

"The Bells of Rhymney" — The Byrds

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT STOP

Head out on Noel Road, then continue for about 80m. Turn left onto St. Peter's Street, then continue for about 500m. Turn left. Turn right. Continue straight onto Islington Green, then continue for about 70m.

FINAL ROUTE

The walk ends here — scan for the full route.

SCAN FOR THE FULL ROUTE

Walk complete — roam your way home

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PLACES WORTH LINGERING

PUB

The Old Queen's Head

@oldqueenshead

Iconic Islington pub known for its lively events, ornate interior, and genuine neighbourhood feel.

FOOD

Ottolenghi Islington

@ottolenghi

A colourful Upper Street deli and neighbourhood restaurant, perfect for coffee, cake or something more substantial between pints.

COFFEE

Galata Restaurant & Bistro

@galataseafood

Fancy a breather between pints? Dip down to Regent's Canal for a short waterside wander and grab a coffee.

FOOD

Alpaca

@thealpacaislington

An independent pub with a love for food and drink and a community-minded nature.

USEFUL / SCAN & GO

FULL ROUTE

Open the complete walking route in Google Maps

ETSY

More walks, bundles & updates

INSTAGRAM

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POCKET SAVER The daily TfL cap keeps your whole roam on one fixed fare.

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FOR BRAIN INJURY RECOVERY

SUPPORT SAMEYOU

If this walk added something to your day, consider passing that on.

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GETTING BACK

Angel Station (Northern Line)

Well done, wanderer — Islington & Barnsbury has been thoroughly wandered.

SCAN FOR STATION

BEHIND THE WALK

Walked it. Loved it. Curated it.

Witty Wanderer walks are independently created and field-tested, built around **places worth noticing** rather than a checklist of sights.



Hi, I'm Ruud.

I walk these routes so you don't just see London, you feel it. Every walk is personally explored, photographed and crafted with care.

FIELD TESTED
Every route is walked, refined and updated.

CURATED DETAILS
Local stories, hidden corners and thoughtful discoveries.

WALK WITH PURPOSE
Supporting SameYou and mental health recovery.

Whether it's your first stroll or your hundredth, thank you for walking with Witty Wanderer.

Now, go wander.

YOUR NEXT WALK

Thirsty for more?

The full walks work just like this one: missions, trivia and a bingo card at every stop, and a few places worth lingering on the way.



STARTS A FEW STEPS FROM ANGEL

Islington: The Literary Drift

Six stops from antique-lined Camden Passage to Regent's Canal, with a canalside pint to finish.

See the route →

Or scan with your phone camera

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Happy wandering! Ruud