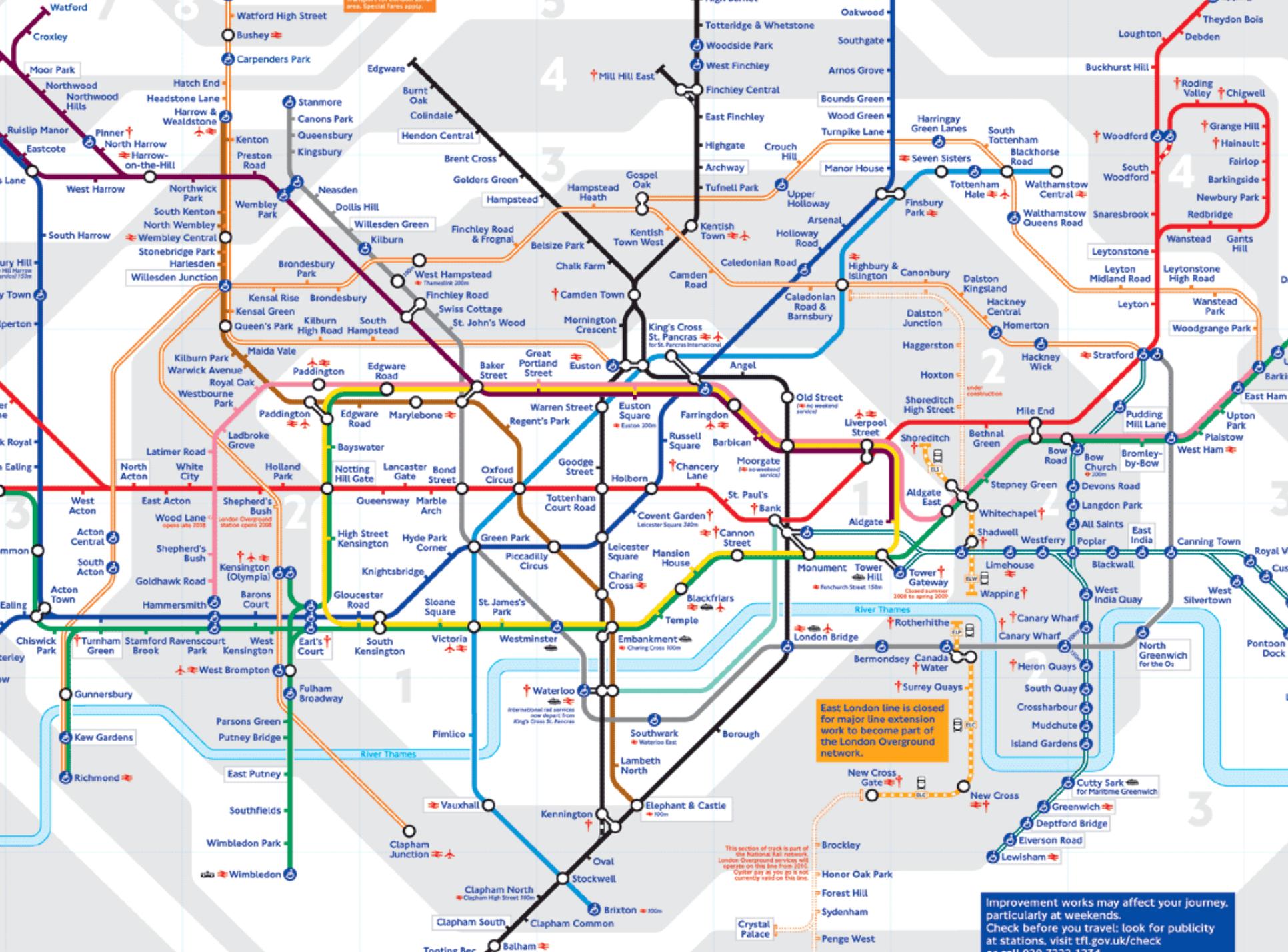


Tea, Transport and Tips for London







East London line is closed for major line extension work to become part of the London Overground network.

This section of track is part of the National Rail network. London Overground services will operate on this line from 2012. Ticket pay as you go is not currently valid on this line.

Improvement works may affect your journey, particularly at weekends. Check before you travel; look for publicity at stations, visit tfl.gov.uk/check or call 020 7323 1234

Walking

- ▶ Walking is simple, quick, free, healthy and green.
- ▶ Bus, train and tube delays can be frequent on certain routes. Walking short and long distances may get you to your destination quicker.
- ▶ The urban journey planner on **walkit.com** and **tfl.gov.uk** can help with exploring London.
- ▶ It's environmentally friendly and a physically active way to travel. The websites above provide a map between any two points, including journey time, calorie burn, step count & carbon saving.

Cycling

- ▶ Dedicated cycles lanes in and around London, especially in the vicinity of the UCL campus.
- ▶ Information on routes and maps, events, cycle safety, ways to avoid theft, equipment and cycle training can be found on www.tfl.gov.uk
- ▶ Cycle training is available from TFL or your local council and starts from as little as £5. Costs and availability vary across London. You will be taught about positioning on the road, how to deal with traffic and given general safety tips like riding at night and on rainy days. Also, using bus lanes and waiting at traffic lights, the importance of protective wear such as helmets, lights and high visibility clothing.

Cycling

- ▶ The majority of UCL buildings have a storage facility for cycles. Look into insurance prices but be sure to register and security mark your cycle, and buy a certified lock. This will help to prevent theft and to increase your chances of getting it back if it is stolen.
- ▶ The Barclays Cycle Hire scheme allows the public to use a cycle for short journeys. For example a 30 minute journey is free with an initial £1 access fee. Annual membership costs £45 which is a good investment as the cycles are regularly maintained and there are stands all over London. However, prices increase the longer you use the cycle, be aware of late return and damage charges.

Oyster Cards

- ▶ Oyster cards are widely accepted on the transport network (tubes, busses & overground trains in London). You can top-up at certain shops and stations, as well as through the TFL website. Paying for single journeys can be expensive, so weekly; monthly and annual passes may work out cheaper.
- ▶ Student Oyster cards are available from UCL departments and cost £5. This will entitle you to 30% off travel.

Buses

- ▶ Information on bus routes can be found on the tfl.gov.uk website.
- ▶ On most buses, cash is not accepted, a valid Travel card must be presented or an Oyster card needs to be 'touched in' on the reader which can be found on the entrance of the bus.
- ▶ Bus journeys cost a standard price regardless of journey distance, time or destination within London.



Tube (Underground)

- ▶ Euston station, Warren Street & Euston Square are closest to UCL.
- ▶ Make sure your travelcard/oyster permits you to travel to all the zones you will cover on your journey. Or you may be fined.
- ▶ Remember to touch in and touch out.
- ▶ Train times and further information can be found on the TFL website. Before a journey always check for planned engineering works & service problems.



Trains and exploring outside London

- ▶ There are many central London stations that have overground trains which allow you to explore Greater London and the UK.
- ▶ On www.nationalrail.co.uk you can find the train times and information on train operators & destinations.
- ▶ Eurostar leaves from Kings Cross St Pancras - a 10 mins walk from UCL!
- ▶ RyanAir, Easyjet and a number of airlines advertise cheap flights within the UK & Europe. Flying may seem like the most quickest way to travel, however, it may not be the most efficient or cost effective; check in fees and baggage fees should be considered when thinking about flying.

The Unwritten Rules of Public Transport

- ▶ On the escalator, stand on the right and walk on the left
- ▶ Always keep one step between you and the person in front
- ▶ When you get on the escalator, always walk up a few steps – it stops a queue forming at the bottom
- ▶ In the tunnels walking to a tube platform, people walk slowly on the left and quicker on the right (like driving)
- ▶ On Trains, Tubes and Busses, get on quickly and move down to the middle. Don't stand by the door!
- ▶ If you're standing by the door on a busy tube train, It's easier and quicker to get off yourself to let people off, then get back on.
- ▶ The tube train will never leave until the driver sees everybody has got off
- ▶ Always give up your seat for the elderly, the disabled and pregnant women
- ▶ Move fast on public transport – Londoners are quick!

Ways to save money



- ▶ Off peak travelling: using trains between 10am-3pm and after 7pm.
- ▶ Purchasing group saver tickets when travelling with friends.
- ▶ TFL offer student Oyster cards which provide a 30% discount on London Underground travel and for use on buses.
- ▶ Save 1/3 on fares across Britain with National Rail by purchasing The Young Persons Rail card (16-25 or full time students).
- ▶ Megabus.com & megatrain.com offer cheap tickets to destinations around the UK.

Taxi's

- ▶ Black cabs are licensed & regulated by the city of London. They are a safe way to travel, especially at night, but can be expensive.
- ▶ Licensed mini cab firms can be pre booked and are generally cheaper. Never enter an unlicensed mini cab or one that you have not booked. Look out for the official license badge which is always displayed at the front and rear windshield of the vehicle.
- ▶ Addison Lee are an established mini cab operator.

Travel Safely

- ▶ When travelling on public transport always keep your belongings with you and always follow safety instructions at train stations and bus stands.
- ▶ Register your Osyter Card.
- ▶ Try to travel as a group at night.
- ▶ Check the times of the last tubes and trains, as they stop around midnight.
- ▶ Be aware that night buses may not travel on the same route as the day busses

General tips

- ▶ London may seem expensive but there are lots of activities and attractions which are free.
- ▶ The British Museum, The Natural History Museum, the National Gallery and the Tate Galleries, to name a few, are all places that can be visited for free.
- ▶ To get a true taste of English produce, why not go along to a Farmers' market. Here you can buy anything from apples, pears and pumpkins; which are usually cheaper. They are located all over London, find one on fammersmarkets.net
- ▶ Check out www.timeout.com/london for listings an what's on.
- ▶ Always ask if there is a student discount.

Top tips from UCLU staff

- ▶ Borough Market is fantastic place for food Friday & Sunday.
- ▶ Explore South of the River – Crystal Palace dinosaurs!
- ▶ Get a river boat East and stop at Greenwich.
- ▶ Go on the Give it a Go Jack the Ripper tour – it's fantastic!
- ▶ Primrose Hill offers a great view of London.
- ▶ Explore London's Royal Parks.
- ▶ Walk along the Southbank at night (even better at Christmas).
- ▶ Walk along the canal from Camden to Little Venice.