

King's walks

for students at London's most central university



Denmark Hill

1 Camberwell Church 1 min

From outside King's College Hospital walk down Denmark Hill in the direction of Camberwell, then turn right onto Camberwell Church Street. After a few minutes' walk you'll reach, unsurprisingly, Camberwell Church! Its proper name is St Giles, Camberwell and there's been a church here since the 11th Century. The current church was built in 1844 and designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott. The original transept windows were designed by William Morris though sadly they were destroyed in World War Two. The east window was designed by the influential Victorian art critic John Ruskin (who, incidentally, taught art at the Working Men's College, founded by former King's professor Frederick Denison Maurice). The Crypt at St Giles – part of the original Anglo Saxon church – now hosts a renowned jazz club.

2 South London Gallery 7 min

Continue down Camberwell Church Street, as it turns into Peckham Road. Soon, on the left, you will come across the gem that is the South London Gallery. This contemporary art gallery offers a rolling programme of free exhibitions, regular talks, live performance art and film screenings. The adjoining shop sells books, prints and other gifts relating to

the exhibitions and artists featured in the gallery. It also houses No 67, an excellent cafe and restaurant which opens for dinner Wednesday to Saturday and for brunch at weekends. Occasionally it also features supper clubs, which chefs are invited to cook at one off events.

3 Lucas Gardens 9 min

After all that culture a bit of green space might be nice. Cross the road and start walking in the direction you've just come from, and you'll shortly reach Lucas Gardens. They're small, but very pleasant. Walk south through the park and exit through the western gate by the children's play area onto Vestry Road. Continue to the end of the road and turn right into McNeil Road. At the end of McNeil Road cut through the footpath into Windsor Walk, and continue to the end.

4 Salvation Army Museum 13 min

As you reach Champion Park, facing you is the William Booth College, home of the Salvation Army Museum and Heritage Centre. It's free to enter and examines the history of the movement, its commitment to the socially disadvantaged and its role in helping people in times of conflict and disaster.

5 Ruskin Park 14 min

Next continue down Champion Park in the direction of Denmark Hill, where you come to Ruskin Park. As well as featuring decorative flower beds, trees, ornamental and heritage features, and a bandstand, this park is also full of sports facilities including a basketball court, tennis courts, rugby, football, cricket and all weather pitches.

6 Long Gallery 19 min

Exit Ruskin Park the way you entered, and walk down Denmark Hill back to the front of King's College Hospital. If you haven't seen enough art by now, you may want to nip across the road into the Maudsley Hospital's Long Gallery, which often exhibits art created as therapy. Entry is free.

