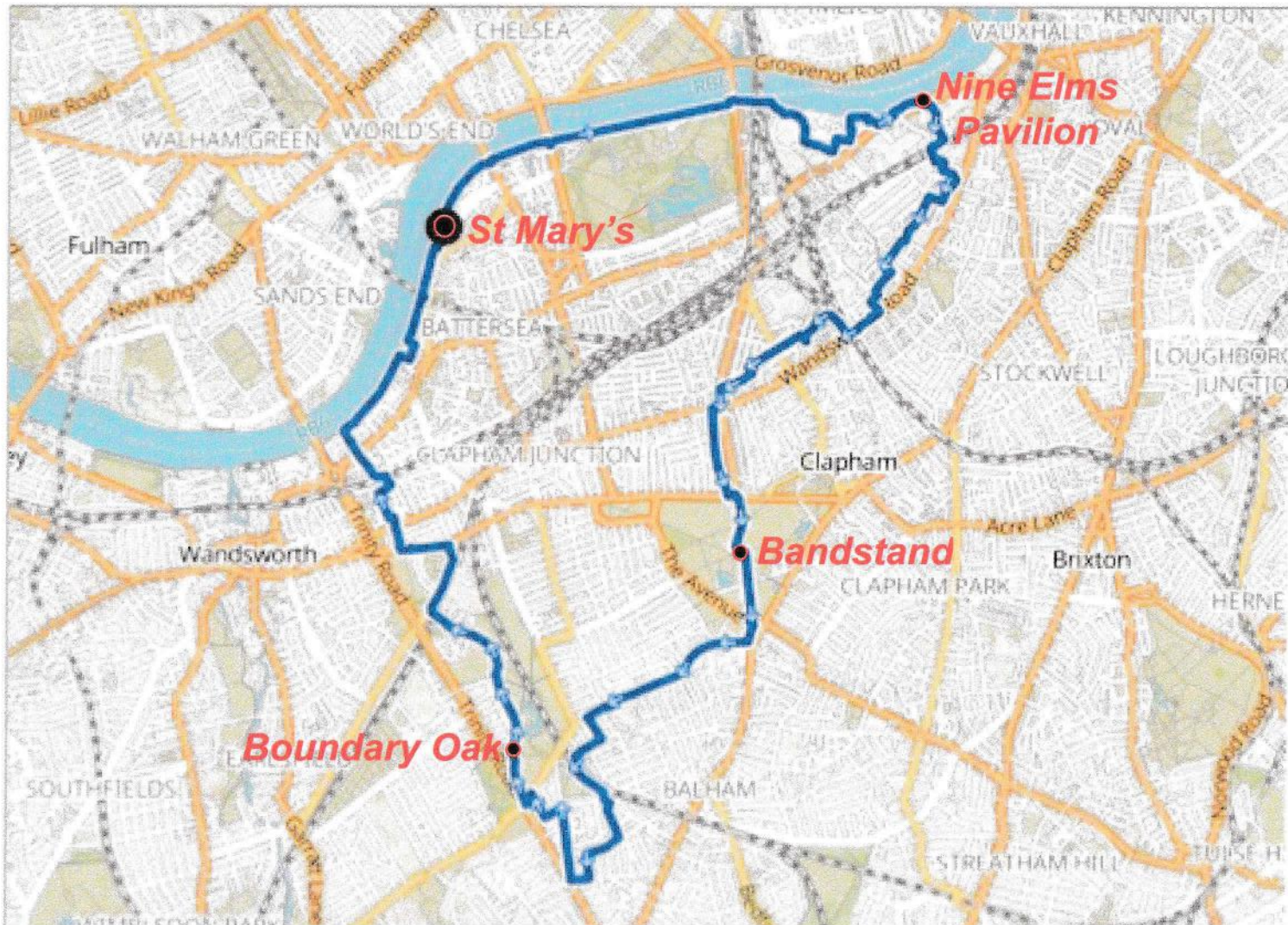




Beating the Bounds

⌚ 04:35 ↔ 17.9 km ⌚ 3.9 km/h ↗ 70 m ↘ 60 m



09.45 St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road SW11 3NA: registration and briefing.

10.00 Stage 1

From St Mary's church, head east along Thames Path, past Battersea bridge and Albert bridge, through Battersea Park, to Battersea power station.

Round the power station and left onto Pump House Lane, then left onto Kirtling Street, right onto Cringle Street, left onto Kirtling Street back to the riverside and continue east to Nine Elms Pavilion.

11.15 Nine Elms Pavilion: presentation by the Battersea Society

11.35 Stage 2

Take the pedestrian crossing in front of the Pavilion stage to a path alongside Embassy Gardens leading to the linear park. Right past the water features. Left into Ponton Road to Arch 42 tunnel under the railway line. Follow a boarded passage to Pascal Street (by Nine Elms tube). Right into Bramley Crescent. Left onto a footpath to Hemans Street. Right into Hemans Street. Left into Fount Street. Right into Thorparch Road. Left onto footpath to Belmore Street. Left into Belmore Street. Left round Carey Gardens. Straight across Stewart's Road into Clyston Street. Right into Wandsworth Road. Under railway bridge and right into Portslade Road. Left to follow the southern boundary of Heathbrook Park. Right into Saint Rule Street. Left into Robertson Street. Left into Queenstown Road. Right into Lavender Hill. Left into Wix's Lane footpath which becomes Wix's Lane. Cross Clapham Common Northside onto Clapham Common. Find boundary post and head due south across the Common to the bandstand

13.00 Clapham Common bandstand: lunch stop

13.30 Stage 3

Leaving bandstand, and head south, following the boundary posts, to Clapham South tube station. Right into Nightingale Lane. Follow full length of Nightingale Lane and then turn left into Leacroft Avenue. Right into Wexford Road. Cross Mayford Close and straight on down alleyway to Jaggard Way. Left along Jaggard Way and into Wandsworth Common station. Cross footbridge over railway and exit left out of the station. Follow path with the railway line on your left and exit into Balham Park Road. Left into Balham Park Road. Right into Heslop Road. Right into Boundaries Road. Right into Upper Tooting Road. Right into St James's Drive. Left into Nottingham Road. Right into Wiseton Road. Cross Bellevue Road onto Wandsworth Common

Head north across Bellevue Field and cross The Avenue to the Boundary Oak.

15.00 Wandsworth Common Boundary Oak: presentation by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

15.20 Stage 4

From the Boundary Oak walk north to boundary posts and then follow path with the gardens of Baskerville Road on your left up to the Skylark Café. Continue along path past Skylark and tennis courts on your right to gate out of Common. Continue straight into John Archer Way with the Royal Victoria Patriotic Building on your left. Cross bridge over railway. Right into Windmill Road and alongside the railway line on your right. Left onto Spencer Park triangle. Left into Northside Wandsworth Common. Right into Marcilly Road. Right into St John's Hill. Left into Harbut Road. Left into Nantes Close. Right onto path under railway. Left into Petergate Green. Right into Petergate. Cross York Road and straight on into Juniper Drive and continue up to the riverside. Right onto Thames Path. Follow Thames Path back to St Mary's Church.

16.30 St Mary's Church: presentation of certificates, refreshment options in Battersea Square

Beating the Bounds of Battersea – a Guide for Participants

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10.00 Stage 1 of walk

11.15 Nine Elms Pavilion: short presentation by the Battersea Society

11.35 Stage 2 of walk

13.00 Clapham Common bandstand: lunch stop

13.30 Stage 3 of walk

14:45 Wandsworth Common Boundary Oak: activities by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

15:15 Stage 4 of walk

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Sally Sellers will lead the walk; Sue Demont will bring up the rear. Participants are welcome to join or leave the walk at any point, but helpful if you make yourself known to Sally or Sue. Those who complete the entire route (11.3 miles) will be presented with a certificate.

Advice to those intending to complete the whole circuit

- please note that you are undertaking the walk at your own risk. It will take 6-7 hours, and it is your responsibility to judge your fitness to walk this distance.
- check the weather forecast the day before and ensure you are dressed accordingly. We will only cancel the walk if the weather is exceptionally poor.
- The route is along the riverside path, main roads and side streets, with short sections across commons, so walking will largely be on hard surfaces. Suitable footwear is needed and walkers should be aware of their own safety when crossing roads.
- there won't be time for everyone to queue for food, so you are advised to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water (NB refill options on Clapham and Wandsworth Commons).
- you are invited to wear something green to signify you are one of the Bounds Beaters. Willow wands for the actual beating of the boundary posts will be provided.
- if you need to drop out and are not sure of where to go, please ask Sue or Sally for advice on public transport.