

Newham

Self-Guided Itinerary

Nearest station: Pontoon Dock

Thames Barrier Park

This 9 hectare park is a contemporary design by Alain Provost a French landscape architect. The Park won an RIBA award in 2001.

Directions:

Leave station and walk west towards central London parallel with the overhead DLR, after about 100-150m turn left away from the main road and climb the steps.

Barrier Point

Turn around and look inland. To the left, cascading towards the park with a tower on the river frontage is a residential block of 252 apartments called Barrier Point (Goddard Manton 2001) To the right are the newer Barrier Park Apartments (McCreanor Lavington 2012).

Directions:

Walk right upstream along the river bank to the corner of the park close to the Barrier Point Tower. Turn inland and take the diagonal path on the right that leads straight across park to the opposite corner. Do not cross the bridge over the sunken garden but turn left to walk along its edge to the stairs at entrance to the Park. The long straight paths are a key feature of its modern, formal design.

Royal Victoria Dock Bridge

The high level Royal Victoria Dock Bridge (Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands 1997) was built to enable yachts to sail into the dock.

Directions:

Return to the junction of Mill and Evelyn Roads and turn left and walk past the tall chimney along Rayleigh Road to the Dockside. Turn left and walk along the dockside to the start of the footbridge across the dock.



ExCeL London

The exhibition centre ExCeL London (Moxley Architects 2000/extension Grimshaw 2010) lies to the right at the northern end of the footbridge. It has around 100,000m² exhibition space mainly in two column free halls. In March 2020 the centre was converted into a 4,000 bed 'Nightingale Hospital'. The western end of the centre at the end of the footbridge is the original building with Grimshaw's extension to the east.

Directions:

Walk across the footbridge to the north side of the dock towards The ExCeL Centre. There are views to the right of City Airport and to the left towards central London.

The Emirates Royal Docks

The Emirates Royal Docks (Wilkinson Eyre 2012) cable car station. The cable car across the Thames from North Greenwich Tube station was built in time for the 2012 London Olympics to improve access for spectators to events at the Excel Centre.

Directions:

Turn left from the end of the footbridge and walk along the dock side. The minimalist square between the ExCeL and the Novotel/Ibis Hotel is another Patel Taylor design (2001). Continue along the dockside.

The Crystal

The Crystal (Wilkinson Eyre 2012). Originally known as the Siemens Crystal the building is now owned by the Greater London Authority and the Mayor is currently considering it as a future home for a relocated City Hall.

Directions:

Continue just beyond the cable car base. At the head of the dock.

