

Tufnell Park Playgrounds and Professionals

With space to play round nearly every corner, this walk explores the parks and shops of the Tufnell Park area and ends up in the funky food quarter of Stroud Green Road.

Time

30 mins

Distance

2.5km/1.6 miles

Start

Tufnell Park Station

Finish

Crouch Hill Station

Getting there

Northern Line

Bus 4, 17, 390

Getting back

Silverlink

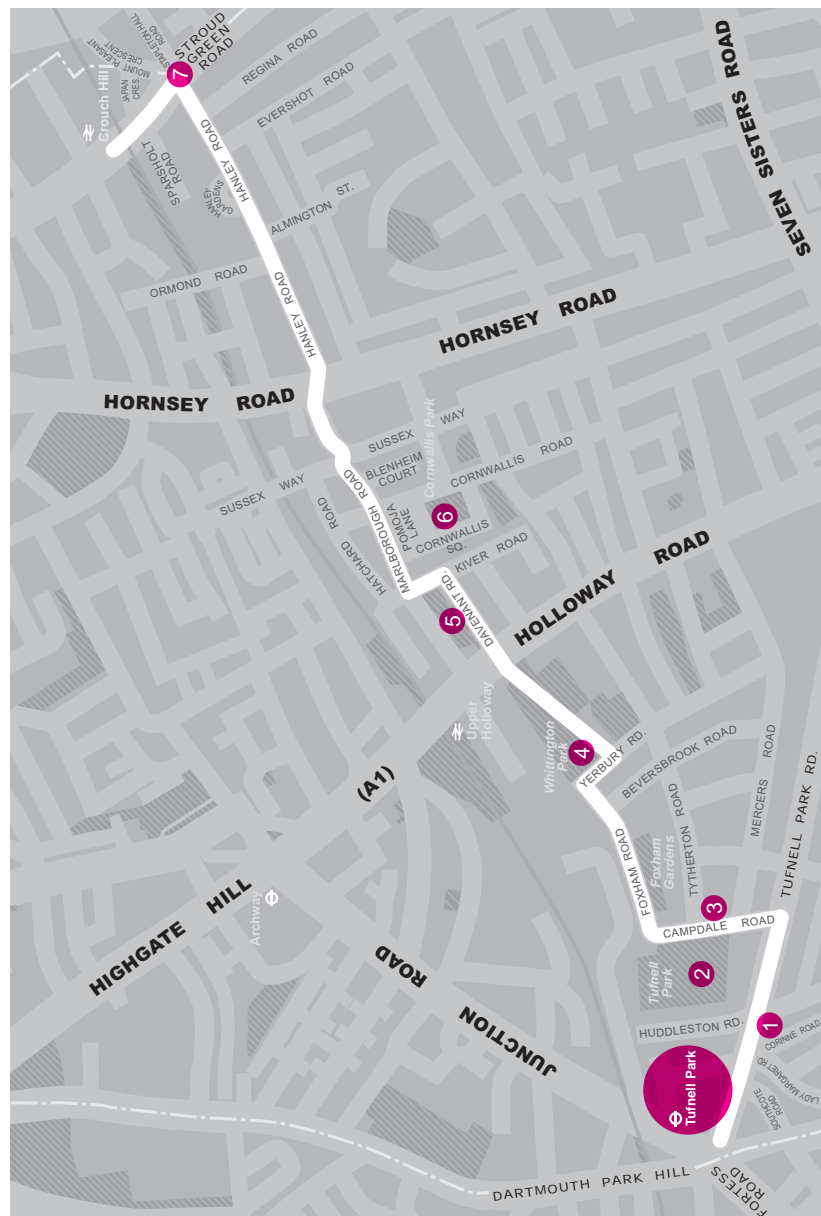
Bus 210, W3, W7

Highlights

- ② Delicatessen on Campdale Road
- ④ Whittington Park
- ⑤ Davenant Gardens
- ⑦ Stroud Green Road

Tip

Start the walk mid morning and end up on Stroud Green Road for lunch



Snapshot of Tufnell Park The Tufnell Park estate, formerly farmland, was bought by William Tufnell in 1753. Most of the housing as it stands today wasn't built until the 1850s, as a collection of peaceful enclaves. If you're on the look out for an up and coming area, Tufnell Park is becoming more and more popular with young professionals and families, offering a good community feel with parks and numerous playgrounds.

Come out of Tufnell Park underground station with its distinct red tiling. Turn right past the station and walk down **Tufnell Park Road** ①, thought to run along the lines of a Roman road. It cut through the centre of William Tufnell's estate and the medieval manor house stood at the east end of the road, where you now see a cinema. Private houses along here can boast five bedrooms, two reception rooms and a handsome price tag. Turn down the third road on your left, **Campdale Road** ②. On Campdale Road you'll see **Tufnell Park itself** ③ – a large open park with playing fields, a playground and two tennis courts. Continue walking along to the end of the road and turn right onto Foxham Road. Rather than walking down the road, turn right into Foxham Gardens and note another one of the area's playgrounds at the end. Turn right into Yerbury Road and then left into **Whittington Park** ④. Opened in 1954



Boston Arms Pub
Whittington Community Centre

and extended in the seventies, which accounts for its current six acres and sports and community centre, it's named after Dick Whittington, the four-time mayor of London. The actual Richard, or Dick, Whittington was born in the 1350's in Gloucestershire, travelled to London to find work and became wealthy through selling fine cloths to the Royal Court. Acting on his will, his great wealth was later used to help disadvantaged Londoners, and the resultant almshouse, college and library, among other causes, helped make his name famous. The story of Dick Whittington walking to London to make his fortune with the help of his cat became popular among those his



Whittington Park
Davenant Gardens



What's special about your shop?
It's very close to Hampstead Heath and customers often stop at the weekend to get goodies for a picnic

Favourite bar?
The Junction on Junction Road which has real ale festivals

Favourite thing about the area?
A nice family feel, a sense of a village in the city

Julie Friend, café owner and winner of BBC Masterchef
② Flavours
Delicatessen – fresh produce and home-made cakes
10 Campdale Road

money helped and it is this story that's still widespread today. Walk out of the park, cross the busy Holloway Road and go down Davenant Road where you'll see **Davenant Gardens** ⑤. This modern playground is worth noting for its wooden play structures and interesting seating, a good spot to rest your legs. Come out of the park and turn left onto Kiver Road and then right onto Marlborough Road. Walk the length of Marlborough Road and, if you look down **Cornwallis Road** ⑥ as you cross it, you'll see some more examples of the area's interesting playgrounds. Cross Hornsey Road and walk down Hanley Road – although this is a long road of houses, persevere because at the end you'll reach the many cafés, pubs and restaurants of **Stroud Green Road** ⑦. Here you can mark the end of your walk at one of the selection of eateries and bars that provide an eclectic range of cuisine on one street – Moroccan, Portuguese, Thai, European, North African, Italian, vegetarian Indian. If you're ready to head home, take the Silverlink from Crouch Hill Station on your left. Or, if you have some energy left, turn right down Stroud Green Road and follow the trail of bars, cafés and restaurants all the way down to Finsbury Park Station for the underground.