

WINGS 2026 Adventurer's Guild

Windsor Town Explorer (Anti-Clockwise)



10.4km, (6.5 miles)

Duration 2 ½ to 3 hours

Instructions

1. Watch your time. If short of time skip steps by taking the short cuts suggested in the **green** text below.
2. Follow the instructions, answer the questions and cross off the answers at the bottom of the sheet to reveal a message at the end of the challenge.
3. The **Red** numbers in brackets (**#**) refer to the numbers on the map.
4. Do Not approach strangers and ask for help. The answers are all fairly obvious.
5. Take care when crossing roads. Use Pelican or Zebra crossings where available.
6. Agree a meeting place with your leader if you get lost. Eg. The Statue of Queen Victoria in the High Street.
7. Try to see the changing of the guard. The new guard arrives at the entrance to the castle at 10:50 and the old guard leaves at 11:20.

William the Conqueror built the first fortification at Windsor on high land above the Thames to help guard London. William's son, Henry I, added a residence within its walls and first held court there in 1110. Most sovereigns have lived in Windsor Castle ever since. Many Kings and Queens of England are buried in St George's Chapel, within the castle, including Queen Elizabeth II and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Route - Follow the instructions, these will guide you along the route shown in red on the map.

Swipe out and leave the WINGS camp site by the Town Gate. Turn left up the Long Walk.

1. Go through the pedestrian gate at the side of the white gates, which are the entrance to the Deer Park.
Q 1 What must you be aware of in the Deer Park and what mode of transport is prohibited?

Head up the Long Walk towards the castle.

The Long walk is 2.65 miles (4.25km) long. Windsor castle is at one end and the Copper Horse at the other end. The man on the Copper Horse is George III. The statue is made of Bronze not copper and includes metal from melted down cannons.

2. When you reach the main road, turn left and **use the Pelican crossing to cross the road**. Cross over the grass back to the Long Walk and continue up towards the Castle.

Frogmore Estate (10) is on the right. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are buried in the Mausoleum which is the white building with the copper dome which is almost completely hidden by trees.

Q 2 Where does the Name Frogmore come from? _____

- a) It is named after Lord Frogmore who gave the estate to Queen Victoria.
- b) It takes it from the marsh frogs which lived in this low marshy area.
- c) Victoria's favourite fairy story was the Princess and the Frog.

3. Walk up to the entrance to the castle,(9) then turn left into Park Street past the Two Brewers pub and down to the Irish Guards statue.(7) The dark blue Post Box behind the statue commemorates the first Air Mail Post in September 1911. The plane landed beside the Long Walk.

Q 3 Where did the plane take off from? _____

4. Continue along the road to the Windsor Guildhall,(5) where King Charles and Queen Camilla were married in 2005.

Q 4 How many miles is it to New York? _____

Look up. When the Guildhall was designed the Town council insisted that central pillars had to be installed to hold up the ceiling. The architect advised they were not required and just to prove a point he has left a gap between the top of the columns and the ceiling.

5. Turn into Church Lane, then left into Church Street.

Q 5 What game can be played in the Church Street Heritage Garden?(3) _____

You are now in the old market area. Church street was known as Fish Street, as it was the home of the town's fishmongers. Market Street nearby was formally named Butchers Row.

6. Continue on Church street to the entrance of the castle. (1)

Q 6 What animals are in Henry VIII's coat of arms above the entrance? (1) _____

Try to be at the castle to see the changing of the guard. (2) The new guard arrives at about 10:50 and the old guard leaves at about 11:20.

7. Walk down Castle Hill to the statue of Queen Victoria, (63) then turn right along the outside of the castle. Stop just before the round Curfew tower. (61) Midway up the wall there is a small, barred window, which is the last surviving original castle window.

Q7 How many bars does the window have? _____

The window lights the Sally Port tunnel beneath the high street, which was a means of escape should the castle be sieged, or possibly a way of sneaking out to get a beer and a pizza.

Continue past the Curfew Tower.

The Curfew Tower is one of the oldest parts of the castle. The tower contains a dungeon where prisoners were held and executed. Bodies of traitors were hung from its battlements.

8. Continue down Thames Street.

If you need to spend a penny turn left away from the castle down River Street to the brick building.

(46) These toilets (which are free) are of an unusually high standard, their wall tiles are decorated with the scenes of Windsor life.



Continue down Thames Street past the Theatre Royal (60) to the large fountain. (57) The fountain commemorates the first Sovereign the founder of the house of Windsor.

Q8 What was his name?— _____

The Royal family changed their name to Windsor in 1917, replacing the previous name of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, due to the anti-German sentiment during the First World War.

9. Cross the road at the lights and walk down to the Windsor and Eton Bridge. (56) Cross the bridge to the Eton side and the five stainless steel bollards and the spy glass.

Q9 What shapes is on top of the central bollard? _____

If time permits. It is about 10 minutes walk down the street to Eton College. The College was founded by Henry VI in 1440. It is Britain's most famous private school and has educated 20 British Prime Ministers plus members of the Royal Family including the Prince William and Prince Harry. The boys still wear black morning coats as their school uniform.

10. Cross back over the bridge (56) to the Windsor side.

Q10 What year was the bridge opened? _____

11. Turn right down the steps and walk along the riverbank. (53) If you need the toilets carefully cross the road and turn left up River Street to the brick building (46) mentioned in 8. Continue along the riverside path.



If you are short of time skip Q 11. Carefully cross the road and turn up Goswell Road, then left into The Goswells (48). Jump to Question 12.

If time permits continue along the riverside (53) to the full-sized replica of the Hawker Hurricane. (52)

Q 11 What year did the Hurricane enter service with the RAF? _____

Cross the road and enter Alexandra Gardens (50) and walk through them back to Goswell Road. Toilets are in the building on the right as you exit the gardens. Use the Pelican crossing to cross the road and enter the Goswells.



12. The Goswells (48) has a large fountain and a maze. (49)

Q 12 What board game is the maze based on? _____

13. Walk along the path past the tennis court and bowls club then and up the steps and under the archway (45) back to the high street.

Q 13 Whose bust is above the gateway? _____

14. Turn right and walk up the high street to the entrance to the Windsor and Eton Central station. (43). Look up at the clock.

Q 14 What year was the station built? _____

15. Turn into the station and walk past the old booking office, which is now a café, (43) towards the platforms and the replica of the Queen's Train (42)

Q 15 What is the number on the train? _____

In 1842 Queen Victoria became the first monarch ever to take a train ride. She did not always enjoy the experience. When leaving this station in March 1882 a man tried to shoot her!

If short of time miss out the shopping area and Q16 & Q17. Double back in the station and take the small station exit on the right between Five Guys and Bird & Blend. Head down the steps and walk down Goswell Hill. Walk straight across Peascod Street (37) into Acre Passage Q18.

16. **If time permits.** Walk out of the station down the steps opposite the train towards Waitrose. You are now in the **shopping area.**

Q 16 How many spheres are in Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee memorial? (41) _____

17. Follow the pedestrian route (40) and turn left down the slope to Peascod Street (39) and the Post Office.

Q 17 What year was Fred Fuzzens Born? (27) _____

Peascod Street is Windsor's main shopping street and is part of the original 12th century street plan. Its name refers to the area's pea fields and the favourite medieval snack of buttered peapods sold here.

18. Turn left in Peascod Street, then turn right into Acre Passage (at 37) and then left into Bachelor's Acre by the WW1 Information board (at 35). Descend the steps opposite Western Cottage (34). There are toilets in the park.



Q 18 How many corgis are with the Queen in the Windsor Lady statue (31)? _____

19. Leave the park at the Jubilee Obelisk, (32) which commemorates the Golden Jubilee of George III and Queen Charlotte and her family joining the celebrations in Bachelors Acre.

Q 19 What was eaten at the celebrations? _____

20. Follow Victoria Street back to Sheet Street. Cross over the road at the Zebra crossing and turn Right and walk past Victoria Barracks. (12) Cross over the road via the zebra crossing or the traffic island and continue down Sheet Street and into Kings Road.

Q 20 Who lived at No 63 Kings Road? – Mr A Nutt, Lord B Bolt or Sir C Washer _____

21. Continue on Kings Road past the Royal Adelaide Hotel (14) and the Windsor Castle Pub to the large roundabout. **Do not cross the road onto the roundabout.**

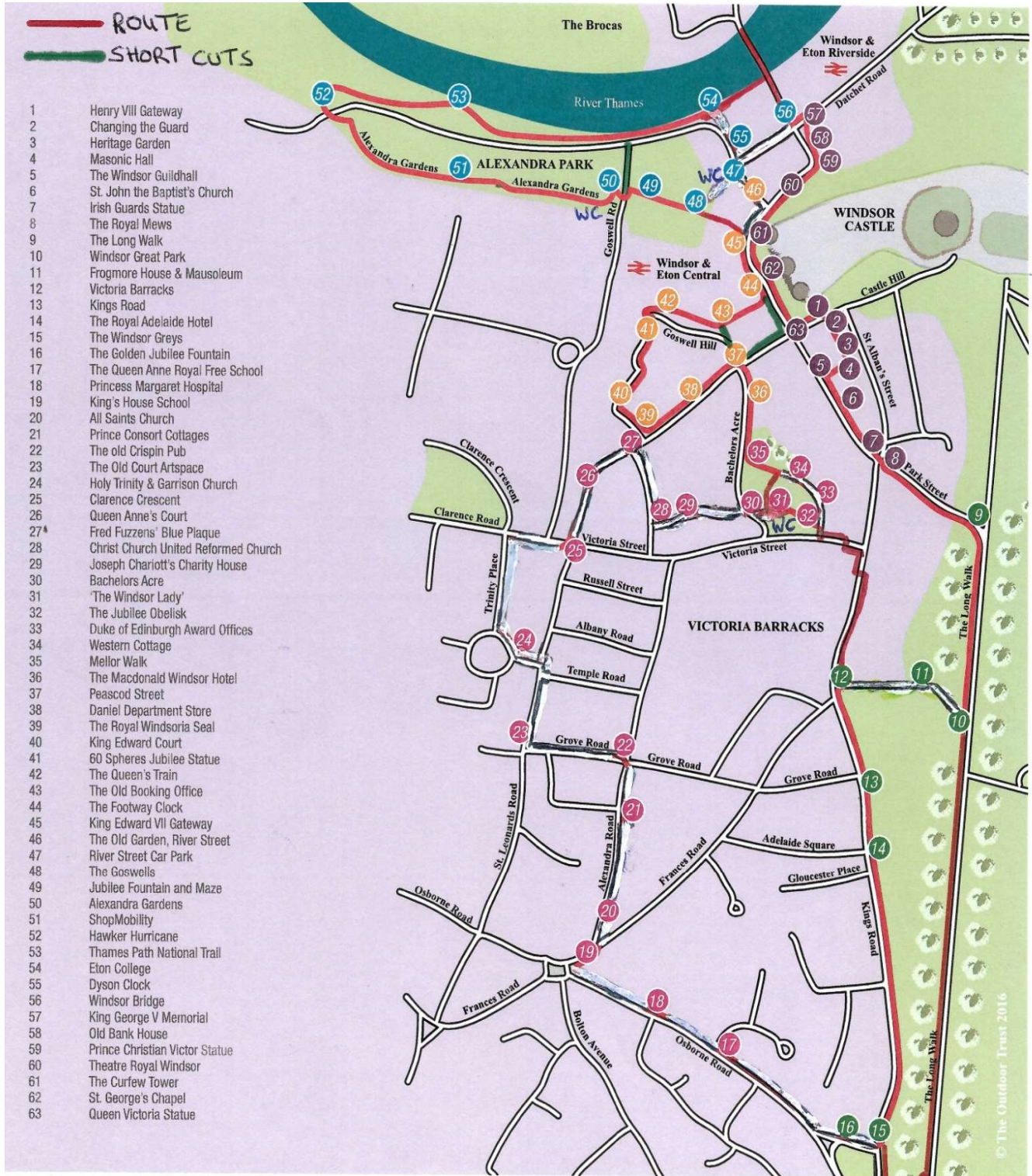
Q 21 How many horses are on the roundabout (15) _____

The horses are Windsor Greys. They depict the type of horse that pulled The Queen's carriage on her Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and the Gold State Coach at the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

Use the Pelican crossing after the roundabout to cross the main road. Then walk back down the Long Walk towards the White Gates. Go through the pedestrian gate and return to the WINGS 2026 Camp site via the Town Gate. **Don't forget to swipe in.**

Cross off the answers to reveal a message

Roast Ox and Plum Puddings	1921	Congratulations	King Edward VII	Hendon Aerodrome			
Five You	Six	King George V	Completed	Hopscotch	Marsh Frogs	The WINGS 2026	
Two	Cone Pointed Sphere	Windsor	Ticks and Cycles	1897	Sixty	3041	
Town	Chess	1824	Mr A Nutt	Challenge	3585	Lion and Dragon	1937



More information about the places of interest in Windsor can be obtained online at [The-Queens-Walkway-2024-ONLINE-1.pdf](#) from which this map was extracted.

