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RIDE TO THE HEART OF THE DOCKS

If you prefer a faster pace of adventure, you could get on some wheels and spin off to find the 'HEART OF THE DOCKS'!



Don't worry if you don't have wheels, you can pick some up from the Brompton Bike Hire station and tick it off on your 'Spotter's Guide' while you are at it.



THE WONDERING WANDERER'S SPOTTERS GUIDE

When a Wandering Wanderer travels on wheels, they take a different approach to discovering the curiosities. They spot all the wonders along the way and wonder about them later.

Read through the spotter's guide before you set off. Not all the wonders are drawn on the map, so really look around you as you go and match up the descriptions.

There are some odd-looking benches around the Royal Docks made from ventilation docks and ships buoys among other things. They would be a great place to stop and check your map.

When you reach the 'Heart of the Docks', talk to the people you are with about what you spotted, ask any wondering questions and tick them off. Then draw them onto your map in the place you remember them being.

The water of the Royal Docks

You must have spotted this one, but what did you notice, any creatures? And people or boats? Was the water rough or smooth?

Good Hotel

A huge rectangular building floating in the water. It came here all the way from Amsterdam in Holland. The money made here helps run wonderful things in the community, including a garden.

Stothert and Pitt Cranes

These cranes remember when the Royal Docks thronged with ships and people from all over the world.

Brompton Bikes

A box full of clever folding bikes, look out for the white bike picture on the front. You can hire these bikes if you like.

The Emirates Air Line

Sailing overhead, these cable cars travel across the river. There is a wonderful view if you fancy a ride.

The Sunborn Yacht

This hotel looks like a giant boat, but really it can't sail at all! Instead it stays in the same place and people stay in it when they are travelling. It was towed here from Finland.

SS Robin

Looking across the dock did you see a black and red boat with a funnel? It's the SS Robin and it's the last complete Victorian Steam Ship left in the world.

Connaught Bridge

A long grey bridge over the docks. A huge section of it can swing round to let boats through; the glass cabin is the control room.

University of East London

Did you spot pairs of round buildings? There are ten of them and they are part of UEL, a university where ideas and knowledge are created and learned. In fact, they are where the students live and the university is behind them.

RAW Labs

In this brick building all kinds of arts and creative things are happening. Stop here for a snack.

Royal Docks Pumping Station

This small brick building is over two hundred years old. Inside are pumps that keep the water of the docks at just the right level. It is sometimes called... THE HEART OF THE DOCKS.

Can you draw some strange legs that might be paddling under the water?