



THE LOCAL AREA

Highgate Road

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Kentish Town Road

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Kelly Street

9. Mario's Cafe





Fortress Road

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12. Rustique Literary Cafe

Brecknock Road & York Rises

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14. Bumblebee Natural Foods
15. Bread by Bike
16. Salvino

TRAVEL TIMES

	Highgate Village	10 mins
	King's Cross	7 mins
	Hampstead Heath	12 mins
	Camden Market	19 mins
	Oxford Circus	10 mins
	Bank	15 mins
	Victoria	24 mins
	Canary Wharf	38 mins
	Luton Airport	45 mins
	Heathrow Airport	58 mins



"FROM CLASSY GASTROPUBS TO FULL-ON STREET FOOD, KENTISH TOWN RESTAURANTS ARE MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES."

TIME OUT

While its naturally proud locals would shudder at the name 'village', despite the urban buzz and never ending must do lists, Kentish Town does slow down so you can make the most of your unhurried surroundings.

From the creative energy of Kentish Town Road to the evocative pastel lined terraces of Kelly Street, life unfolds in a selection of little pockets. Let's take a journey to discover them.



BEING A KENTISH TOWNER



HIGHGATE ROAD

HISTORY UNFOLDING

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Leading from The Tipton to the edge of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Road gets ever leafier before arriving at Highgate Village. Along your new road you'll find one of North London's most historic live music venues, a selection of famous craft ale pubs, great neighbourhood bistros and one of the area's best fitness centres.



02 FORUM KENTISH TOWN
9-17 HIGHGATE ROAD,
LONDON NW5 1JY

MUSIC IN THE WALLS

Still known as the Town & Country Club by those who know its history, The Forum is one of London's oldest live music spaces. From Art Deco cinema to Irish dance hall and onto live music club, its walls have seen some things.





YOUR

CRAFT ALE

FIX

THE SOUTHAMPTON ARMS
139 HIGHGATE ROAD,
LONDON NW5 1LE

London might now have a craft ale bar on every corner but it wasn't always that way. A genuine trailblazer, this resolutely independent community pub is loaded with atmosphere thanks to the crackling vintage vinyl and old piano in the corner.



HIGHGATE ROAD

THE SOUTHAMPTON ARMS



BOUTIQUE FITNESS

THE BASEMENT LDN
74 HIGHGATE ROAD,
LONDON NW5 1PB

Personalised training is at the heart of the Basement's approach to keep fit, with nutritional advice as important as their training programmes. "Taking the fitness revolution underground" with you on board.



HIGHGATE ROAD

THE BASEMENT LDN



“WITH SO MANY RESTAURANTS,
PUBS, COFFEE SHOPS AND
INDEPENDENT STORES NEARBY,
THERE’S LITTLE REASON TO
VENTURE BEYOND THIS SLICE OF
NORTH LONDON DAY-TO-DAY.”

THE MODERN HOUSE JOURNAL

TIPS ON THE AREA

01

YOU HAVE TO TRY

Hiring out the pool room at Never Forever bar for the ultimate stone baked pizza and craft ale birthday party.

79 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TL

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LOCALS KNOW

For a proper Italian Negroni take a seat on the terrace at Rossella.

103 Highgate Road, London NW5 1TR

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A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1989 David Bowie walked through the front entrance of the Town & Country Club to play a gig on his Tin Machine tour.



KENTISH TOWN ROAD

& BUSTLE

THE BUZZ

This is the bustling artery of your new neighbourhood where old local North London meets its creative future. It's the way this seemingly incongruous mix fits so naturally that gives this long stretch of road its identity. Whether it's the ever-evolving food scene or the arrival of new collaborative workspaces there's a real buzz right now. Take a walk along here and you'll always find a new spot to discover.



FIND CREATIVITY

OVER BRUNCH

KENTISH TOWN STORES
255 KENTISH TOWN ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2JT

Flexible workspaces, a concept coffee shop, lifestyle store and attached wine bar, Kentish Town Stores is where your creative community comes together. Grab a Costa Del Kentish Town tote bag and get involved.



KENTISH TOWN ROAD

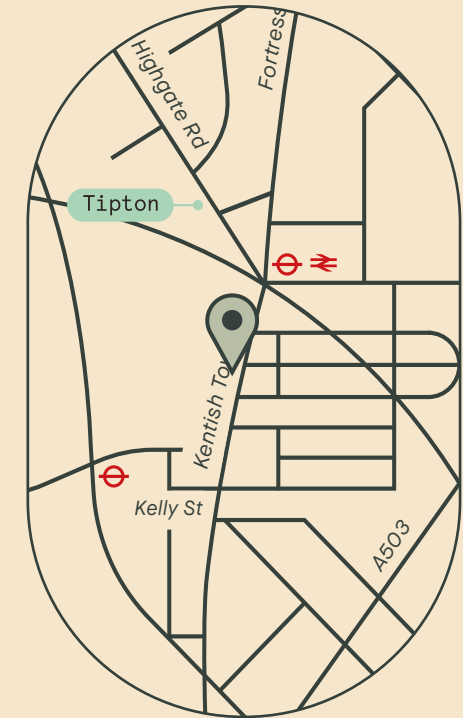
KENTISH TOWN STORES



TASTE HISTORY

KOSSOFFS
246 KENTISH TOWN ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2AB

A Jewish bakery founded by Ukrainian refugee Wolf Kossoff in the 1920s, Kossoffs was resurrected at this Kentish Town location by Wolf's great-grandson and fourth generation head baker Aaron in 2021. You'd be a fool to miss their Rye & Miso Chocolate brownies.





LEARN THE WHEEL

SOCIAL POTTERY
136 KENTISH TOWN ROAD,
LONDON NW1 9QB

Make like you're on The Great Pottery Throw Down with classes like 'Spin & Sculpt' 'Hand Building & Wheel Throwing', and Kevin Plumb's sculpture programme. Get serious with solo sessions or come with a group to celebrate a big occasion. A new hobby awaits.



KENTISH TOWN ROAD

SOCIAL POTTERY



DISCOVER THE PERFECT GASTRO PUB

THE PARAKEET PUB
256 KENTISH TOWN ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2AA

Helmed by Head Chef Ben Allen, previously of Brat on Shoreditch's Redchurch Street, The Parakeet has food critics like Jay Rayner of The Guardian proclaiming: "I'm trying to sound cynical and jaded, but in truth I love this stuff."



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AREAS OF LONDON THAT
COMBINE UNDERSTATED
COOL, A HIP EDGE AND
AN OLD SCHOOL CHARM,
YOU’D BE HARD PUSHED
TO BEAT KENTISH TOWN.”

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Welcome To
**KENTISH
TOWN**

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TIPS ON THE AREA

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YOU HAVE TO TRY

The Lebanese pistachio Baklava at Ghassan’s vast Phoenicia Mediterranean Food Hall.

175 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2JU

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ALTERNATIVE BREAKFAST

The Egg Sando from Filipino bakery Panadera starts your day the right way.

83 Kentish Town Road, London NW1 8NY

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A BIT OF HISTORY

South Kentish Town was once a busy tube stop that was immortalised in a John Betjeman story about a man trapped inside.



KELLY STREET

ART & SOUL

The pastel coloured terraced houses of Kelly Street have long been home to artists and musicians. People like soul family trio Kitty, Daisy & Lewis who filmed their video 'Baby Bye, Bye' on the street where they were raised. For the Kentish Town community vibe at its best head to the famous Mario's Cafe, immortalised by the group St Etienne in its 1993 song. If anyone asks why Kentish Town is so unique take them down here on a Saturday morning. If you're lucky, the residents will be having one of their bake-off days or foodie street parties.



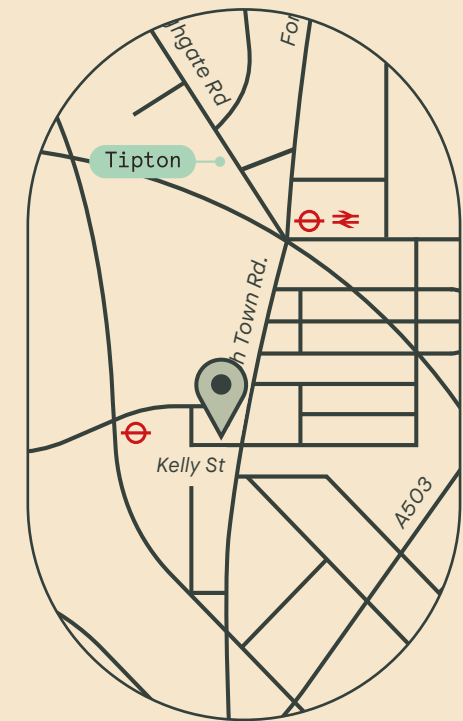
HAVE BREAKFAST

WITH

BANDS

MARIO'S CAFE
6 KELLY STREET,
LONDON NW1 8PH

The bright orange paint and narrow doorway might not promise much but step inside and you are part of history. It's hard to find a local who doesn't love Mario's Cafe, still a favourite of bands as they take a break from the nearby studios.



KELLY STREET

MARIO'S CAFE



“TECHNICOLOR TOWNHOUSES,
NATURAL WINE AND NATURE
IN NORTH LONDON”.

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TIPS ON THE AREA

01

YOU HAVE TO TRY

A cup of Mario's perfectly executed Italian coffee made that way since 1958. Just don't ask for a flat white.

6 Kelly Street, London NW1 8PH

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THOSE THAT KNOW

St Etienne were going to call their track Moonlight Café after their local one on Brecknock Road. But they thought it sounded like a Chris De Burgh song.

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A BIT OF HISTORY

In Charles Booth's Poverty Map 1898 Kelly Street was noted as "the worst street for immorality in the Division".



FORTRESS ROAD

Once just a busy thoroughfare you travelled up to get to Tufnell Park, Fortress Road now has a touch of Dalston about it in the dizzying mix and shabby chic vibe.

Hidden between old family tailors, lurid green laundrettes, tool hire shops, and bike repair stores, you'll find renowned French bistros, fashion boutiques, speakeasy cocktail bars, literary cafes and yoga studios. It's an ever changing street where you are never quite sure what might pop up next.



The original shop sign of the E J Evans tobacconist provides an evocative entrance to this atmospheric speakeasy. Once inside the warm glow of candle light and Parisian decor whisks you away from North London.

DISCOVER A SPEAKEASY IN AN OLD TOBACCONIST

TABAC BAR
86 FORTRESS ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2HP



FORTRESS ROAD

TABAC BAR



GET A TASTE

OF THE LEFT BANK

Four doors down from the Tabac speakeasy bar you'll find another slice of Paris in the thirties with this perfectly imagined bistro. Exposed brick walls, a marble bar with wooden panelling and old mirrors provide the backdrop for a menu of left bank classics.

PATRON RESTAURANT
26 FORTRESS ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2HB



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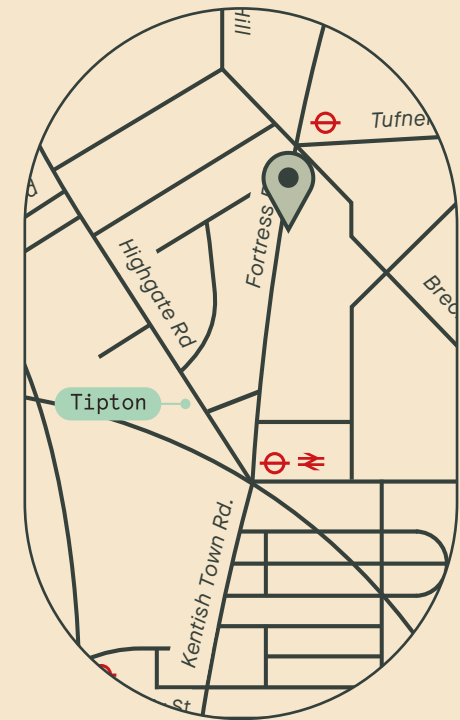


RUSTIQUE LITERARY CAFE
142 FORTRESS ROAD,
LONDON NW5 2HP

READ A NOVEL

WITH YOUR OWN CUPPA

Forget that overpriced cappuccino with Magic FM playing in the background. Settle into one of Rustique's leather sofas or in the sunny garden and grab a book off the shelf while classical music fills the air. Lovely coffee and a healthy menu.



FORTRESS ROAD

RUSTIQUE LITERARY CAFE



"WITH INDEPENDENT SHOPS SUCH AS JESSICA DE LOTZ JEWELLERY AND DIVERSE CLOTHING LEADING THE WAY, YOU'LL NEVER NEED THE WEST END AGAIN."

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TIPS ON THE AREA

01

YOU HAVE TO TRY

The Truffle & Pecorino nuts at Tabac. Perfect with their spicy St Germain De Pres cocktail.

86 Fortress Road, London NW5 2HP

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A BIT OF HISTORY

The velvet draped basement of Aces & Eights was originally the strongroom for a Barclays Bank.



BRECKNOCK ROAD & YORK RISE

THE SPIRIT

OF

INDEPENDENCE

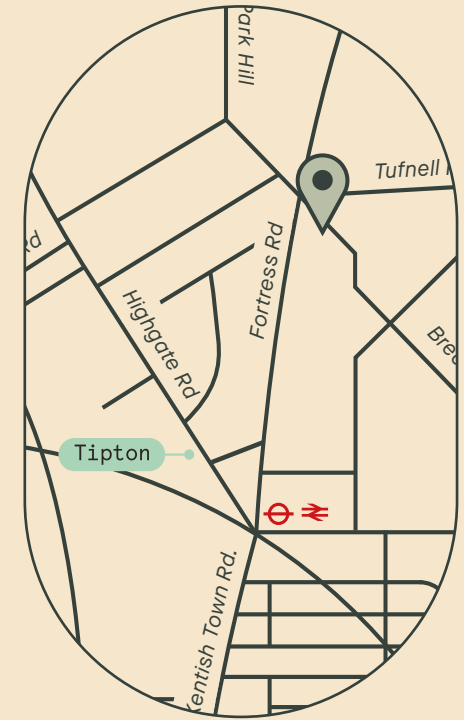
On a small stretch of Brecknock Road opposite Tufnell Park Tube Station you'll find the Zen of a yoga and pilates studio next to the raucous buzz of a comedy club and live music bar. Around the corner is York Rise, the central vein of Dartmouth Park where locals pick up their charcuterie and organic wines by day and get their audiophile fix by night. Don't miss the annual York Rise Street Party.



GO
WITH
THE
FLOW

DOWN TO EARTH LONDON
240 BRECKNOCK ROAD,
LONDON N19 5BG

Founded by Central St Martins graduate Vanda, this welcoming yoga studio occupies a beautiful building in an old piano factory. Beginners and advanced yoga and pilates courses take place in peaceful light filled studios. Come breathe, come stretch, come one and all.

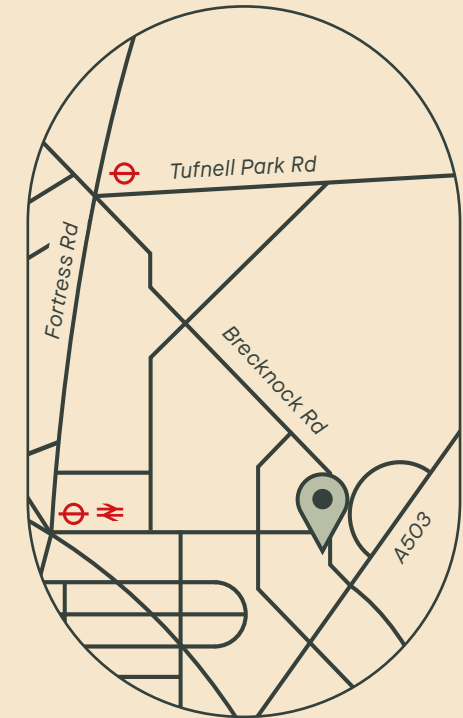




BEE NATURAL

BUMBLEBEE NATURAL FOODS
205-207 BRECKNOCK ROAD,
LONDON N19 5AA

Opened in 1980, Bumblebee was at the forefront of the UK's natural food movement. More than 40 years on it has moved with the times and its wide selection of honeys, soy milks, and nut butters, is accompanied by all manner of supplements. This is your new mecca.



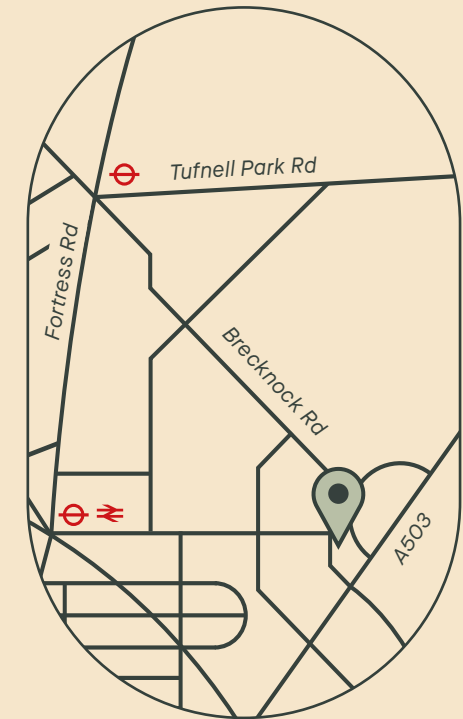


GET YOUR BREAD

BY BIKE

This bakery at 30 Brecknock Road is best known for its quintessential brunch menu and perfect sourdough used in the lovely sandwiches at neighbouring Salvino's Deli. But you should also check Bread By Night with a menu by chef Ethan Pack.

BREAD BY BIKE
30 BRECKNOCK ROAD,
LONDON N7 0DD



BRECKNOCK ROAD & YORK RISE

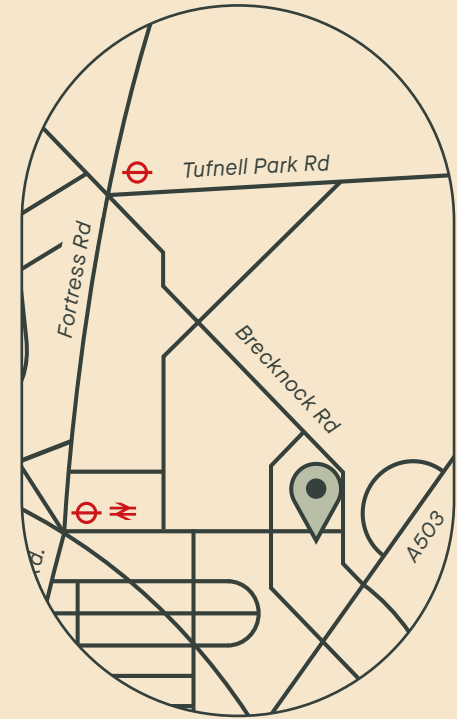
BREAD BY BIKE



SALVINO
47 BRECKNOCK RD,
LONDON N7 0BT

Kentish Town's answer to Lina Stores in Soho, Salvino has been in the same Sicilian family for over 40 years. "Prodotti tipici & vino Italiano" to stock up on while having a proper coffee, made the Italian way. Step out of London, step into Palermo.

ITALIAN DELIGHTS





"TUCKED BETWEEN HAMPSTEAD, CAMDEN, HOLLOWAY AND HIGHGATE, KENTISH TOWN HAS JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF 'SUBURB' TO OFFSET ITS 'CITY'."

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TIPS ON THE AREA

01

YOU HAVE TO TRY

The Dartmouth Arms Daily Album playbacks curated by Chris Coco and The Chill Out Tent.

35 York Rise, London NW5 1SP

02

GET TO KNOW

Dartmouth Park Film Club started back in 2016, the brainchild of local film producer Lizzie Gillett.

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YOU HAVE TO BUY

Those cute little slippers with the pom poms on from Down to Earth.



SWAIN'S LANE

HEADY

HEIGHTS

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Connecting the northern tip of Kentish Town to Highgate Village, Swain's Lane faces Parliament Hill and is an iconic corner of North London beloved by locals. Grab a bagel at Roni's after a dip at the Heath's bathing ponds, before checking the daily catch at Bourne's Fishmonger or picking up a roast at Meat N6. When you're feeling fit, grab your bike and power your way up 900 metres with an average incline of 8% – this urban ascent features in Simon Warren's 100 Greatest Cycling Climbs.



HAMPSTEAD HEATH

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Head out the house and walk 12 minutes northwest and you'll reach the edges of the magnificent countryside wilderness of Parliament Hill as it leads into Hampstead Heath. Sprawling over 790 acres, the heath embraces woodlands, meadows, ponds, playgrounds, open-air public swimming pools and, even, a former stately home in Kenwood House. Your super dose of nature and a deep breath of fresh air, on your very doorstep.

HAMPSTEAD

HEATH



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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A VILLAGE

Both in the immediate surrounds and within a few minutes by car or train, there is an abundance of opportunities from the earliest years of child care and education through to the highest levels that London has to offer.

NURSERY, PRIMARY
& SECONDARY

Highgate School
Nursery, Primary & Secondary
10 mins by bus

Torriano Primary School
Primary
11 mins walk

Collège Français Bilingue
de Londres
Primary
11 mins walk

Holy Trinity & S. Silas
Primary & Secondary
15 mins walk

Camden School for Girls
Primary & Secondary
15 mins walk

North Bridge House
Nursery, Primary & Secondary
15 mins by bus

University College School
Nursery, Primary & Secondary
15 mins by car

UNIVERSITIES

UCL
23 mins by bus

LSE
42 mins by tube

Imperial College
46 mins by tube

Kings College
37 mins by tube



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