

Indigo Walking Tours: Step outside the guidebooks

Camden Pub Walk This walk will take you to some of Camden's hidden gems. Most of them aren't in the guide books and we can't understand why. Here's our take on local pubs that are worth a detour. There's a short and a long version depending on your stamina.

Pub seven: The Assembly House, a boozier in every sense of the word, carb loaded food, good beers, cheap wine and live footie. That's all you need to know. If your liver's telling you to go home head to Kentish Town Tube across the road. 292-294 Kentish Town Road, 020 7485 2031

Pub six: The Pineapple, this one's tucked away in cute residential streets. It's been saved by the locals and it's easy to see why. A lovely wooden bar, small patio garden and a passable Thai menu with a good mix of locals, pub tourists and famous faces. 51 Leverton Street, 020 7284 4631

Pub eight: The Oxford, manages to combine gastro pub cuisine with a local pub feel. They have a good range of beers and wines and pavement seating. The food may seem pricey but it's very tasty. 256 Kentish Town Road, 020 7485 3521

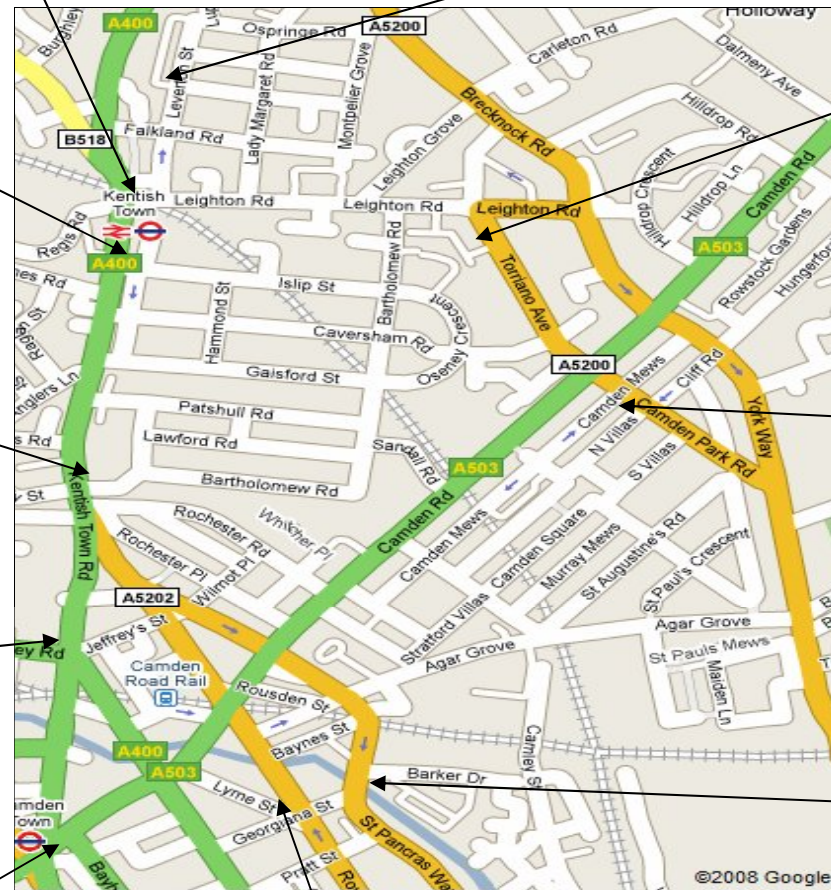
Pub five: The Torriano, this great little pub is under constant threat of closure, but has the support of the community and local celebs. They serve the usual drinks, always offer paninis and have daily summer BBQs. There's pavement seating and a small patio out the back. They also offer live music including the odd secret gig from Camden's celebs. 71-73 Torriano Avenue, 020 7267 4305

Pub nine: The Abbey, is a weird one to describe. It serves middle of the road wine and food, beers you would expect and yet manages to pull off a certain charm. There's occasional live music and a lovely patio style, split level garden. 124 Kentish Town Road, 020 7267 9449

Pub four: The Lord Stanley, has a buzzing atmosphere full of the areas bright young things. This locally famous gastro pub is popular for evening meals, Sunday lunches and lazy afternoon drinking. It has a modern European menu of surprising quality. They also have an extensive wine list and the usual ales and lagers. There's pavement seating year round and a patio style garden open in the summer. 51 Camden Park Road, 020 7428 9488

Pub ten: Quinns, when you walk in on to the sticky lino floor and deco reminiscent of a bad 70s sitcom you might wonder why we've bought you here. But a quick look at the extensive range of imported bottled beer will give you a clue. Run by the same family for generations, it has a je ne sais quois we can't put our finger on. And we're often found here well past midnight. From here head 2 minutes back down Kentish Town Road for Camden Town Tube. 65 Kentish Town Road, 0871 984 1423

Pub one: The Worlds End, opposite the left hand exit of the Tube, boisterous noisy and full of tourists but a good meeting point to get started. Food served. 174 Camden High Street 020 7482 1932



Pub Two: The Prince Albert, newly refurbished with a kitchen run by a Marco Pierre White trained chef. The food is pricy but to die for and there's a great selection of traditional English ales, fab wine list and the usual array of lagers. There's also an outside seating area for summer nights and smokers. 163 Royal College Street, 020 7485 0270

Pub three: The Constitution, a fabulous local with an award winning canal side garden. This pub really is one of Camden's gems. They have a good range of lagers and ales and they often run BBQs in the summer. Otherwise you can get pizza delivered to the door!! They also have regular live bands from the local Camden scene. 42 St Pancras Way, 020 7387 4805