

## New Dark Age Walk

### Part 1

**New Dark Age Walk, a walk based on a schema derived from St Cuthbert's Way:** 'Ancient Monument, Birds, Church, Flowers, Great Views, Hills or Fells, Moor, National Trust, Public Transport, Toilets, Wildlife, Woodland'. Source: *walkingworld.com*, <http://walks.walkingworld.com/Walk/St-Cuthbert-s-Way---Part-1.aspx>

**Method:** start from any point. Use Google Maps<sup>1</sup>. Enter first term from the above schema (Ancient Monument). Get route to destination given. Use this as new start point. Enter next term (Birds). Continue until end. If a term does not produce a result, move to the next.

**Comment.** A method to produce variant walks.

**Background.** Cuthbert (c. 634 – 20 March 687) was an Anglo-Saxon monk, bishop and hermit. He is associated with monasteries at Melrose and Lindisfarne.

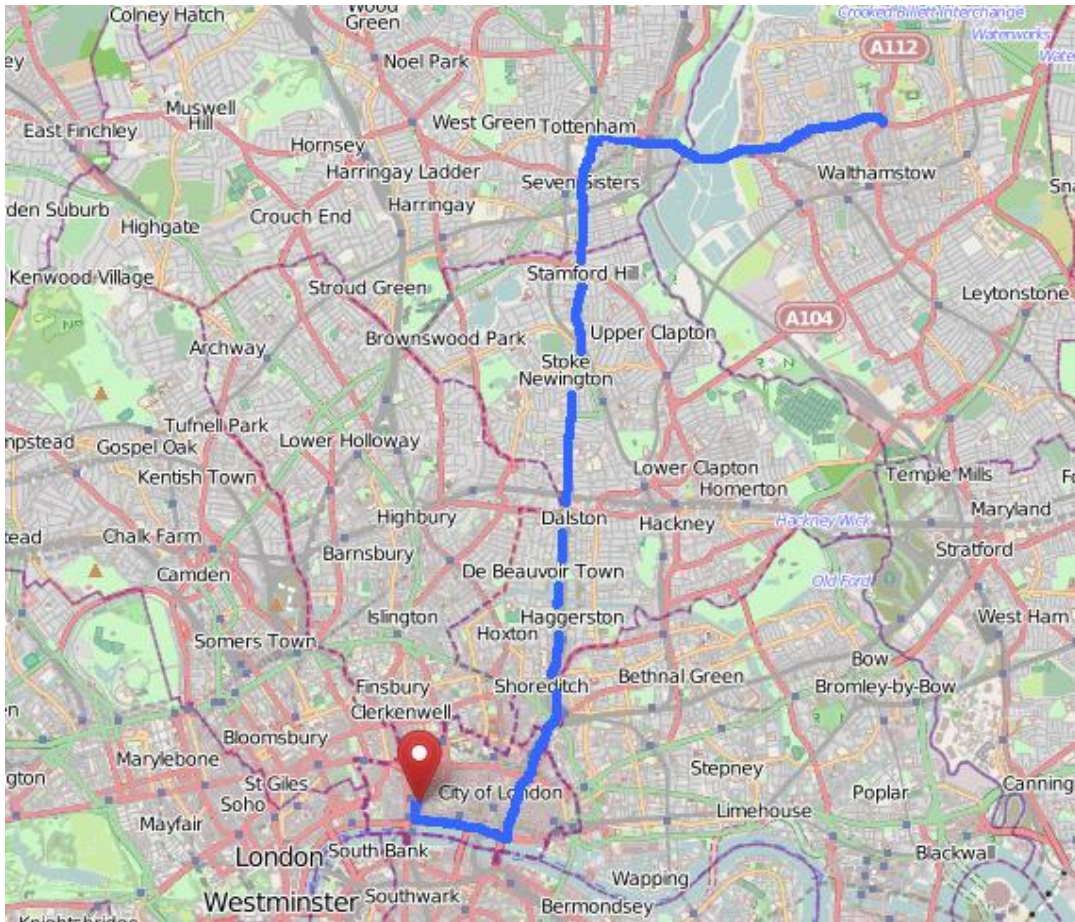
St Cuthbert's Way is a 62-mile trail between the Scottish Borders town of Melrose and Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumberland, England.

**Discussion.** This is the new Dark Age. 'The Dark Age is a concept of a period of intellectual darkness and economic regression that supposedly occurred in Europe following the collapse of the Western Roman Empire' (Wikipedia). **New Dark Age Walk, a walk based on a schema derived from St Cuthbert's Way** enables the user, employing modern technology, to explore the new Dark Age in an unlimited series of variant pilgrimage walks.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&tab=ll>

## Example walk:



**Start:** E17 5LX<sup>2</sup> – **Ancient Monument**<sup>3</sup>. A 7.6 mile route of 2 hours 32 minutes to the Ancient Monuments Society, St Ann's Vestry Hall, 2 Church Entry, London EC4V 5HB.

**Ancient Monument - Birds** takes me 3.8 miles from the City of London to Museum Lane and the Natural History Museum, a 1 hour 18 minute journey.

**Birds - Church** is just 0.1 miles, and it takes a mere 3 minutes to get to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

**Church - Flowers** takes me from the Mormon Church to Flowers Inc, 138 Gloucester Road, London SW7 4SF. Time: 13 minutes. Distance: 0.6 miles. 'Flowers Inc' sell flowers online.

**Flowers - Great Views** takes me East to the banks of the Thames: Altitude 360, Millbank Tower, 21-24 Millbank, London SW1P 4QP. It is a journey of 3 miles and 1.2 hours. 'Altitude 360' is a venue for corporate entertaining.

<sup>2</sup> Arbitrary start point – the artist's home.

<sup>3</sup> Images are based on **OpenStreetMap, The Free Wiki World Map**, <http://www.openstreetmap.org/>. This is free and open source data. Google Maps data is copyright.

**Great Views - Hills or Fells** takes me to Hyde Park Hostel, 2-6 Inverness Terrace, London W2 3HU. It's 3.3 miles, 1 hour 8 minutes via Victoria station past the Serpentine and then across Hyde Park.

**Hills or Fells - Moor** takes me back to the City and to House Management Services, Moor House, 120 London Wall, EC2Y 5ET. It's 4.2 miles and takes 1 hour 27 minutes.

**Moor - National Trust** is a journey of 5.4 miles, 1 hour 56 minutes. The address is: Fenton House, Hampstead Grove, London NW3 6S (Fenton House is a 17<sup>th</sup> century National Trust property).

**National Trust - Public Transport** is a trip to Great Portland Street Station of 3.2 miles, and it takes 1 hour.

**Public Transport - Toilets** is 17 seconds and 75 feet.

**Toilets - Wildlife** is a walk of 2.7 miles, taking 55 minutes. Skyline House, Union Street, London SE1 0LX, is the home of London Wildlife Trust.

**End: Wildlife - Woodland** 9.1 miles, 3 hours 3 minutes. 235 Cranbrook Road, Ilford IG1 4TD. 'Woodland', I discover, is an estate agents.

