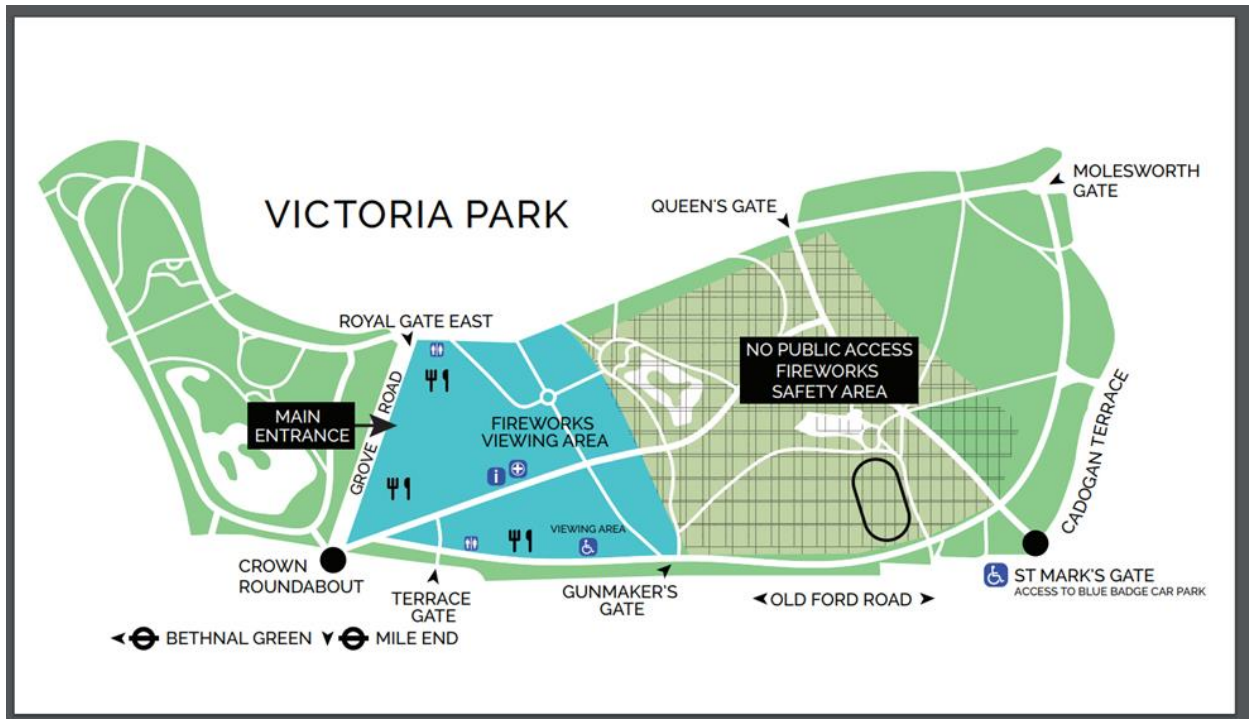


Victoria Park Fireworks 2019 Accessible Information Guide

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets is pleased to announce the borough's free Fireworks Night Event.

Venue: Victoria Park, London E3
Date: Sunday 3 November 2019
Opening Time: 5:30pm food and beverage stalls will be open
Display start time: 7pm and finish by 7.45pm

Cost: The event is free and un-ticketed. Booking is NOT required.



Accessible Facilities on Site

Our aim is to make sure that Tower Hamlets Fireworks is accessible to anyone who wants to attend.

Please bear in mind that there are limited hard standing walkways and poor lighting in areas of Victoria Park which may make access a little difficult, especially in bad weather.

At this year's event there is a designated area for those with disabilities who require additional viewing space and may need a less crowded area, there is also space for an additional person/personal assistant if required.

The event will:

- Have accessible toilets and medics.
- Have accessible car parking facilities onsite.
- Have stewards on hand to answer any questions.
- Have limited seating if required. Please note attendees are not permitted to bring their own seating.
- A dog spending area located next to the accessible viewing area.
- Have an accessible toilet in the viewing area, which is solely for use by those within the viewing area.
- Be busy with large crowds surrounding entrance gates and inside the viewing areas.
- Have flashing lights and loud noises.
- Be noisy with music playing through the event sound systems. No hearing loop is provided.

How to Get There:

This event takes place in Victoria Park, located in Tower Hamlets, in the east end of London. You can access the Park from the main entrance on Grove Road, and there are also paved routes into the park via Terrace Gate and St Mark's Gate (Gate 8).

If you are coming by car or taxi you will need to go to **St Mark's Gate (Gate 8)**. Post Code: **E9 5HT** (See details below).

Public Transport:

Bus: all bus routes in the immediate vicinity of Victoria Park will be diverted due road closures around the park (see further information below).

Rail: the nearest station with step free access is Hackney Wick Overground.

The distance from Hackney Wick Is **1.2 miles** to the Viewing Area

Please See the Victoria Park Fireworks Wheelchair Route from **Hackney Wick Station:** <https://youtu.be/wUToosfRkJU>

Docklands Light Railway (DLR): Bow Church DLR also has step free Access and a lift. Distance from entrance: **1.4 Miles**. All Docklands Light Railway (DLR) trains are wheelchair accessible.

Travelling by car:

Please take time to plan your journey and take notice of the road closures and restricted access. Please note that all vehicles including Blue Badge holders will not be permitted to cross over Grove Rd at Roman Rd or Old Ford Rd – please see recommended driving routes below.

If you need to travel by car there is limited Blue Badge parking available on site via the entrance at St Mark's Gate (Gate 8) off Cadogan Terrace. Blue Badge Parking will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We recommend you allow plenty of time to access the park. The postcode to get to **St Mark's Gate (Gate 8)** via your Sat Nav is **E9 5HT**.

The Viewing area is approximately **250m** from the Blue Badge Parking via a hard standing pathway. Stewards will be on hand to direct you. Please bear in mind it will be extremely busy due to the popularity of this event. After the fireworks have finished there may be a short curfew for vehicle movement including Blue Badge for public safety whilst the police clear and reopen the roads. We aim to keep this as short as possible.

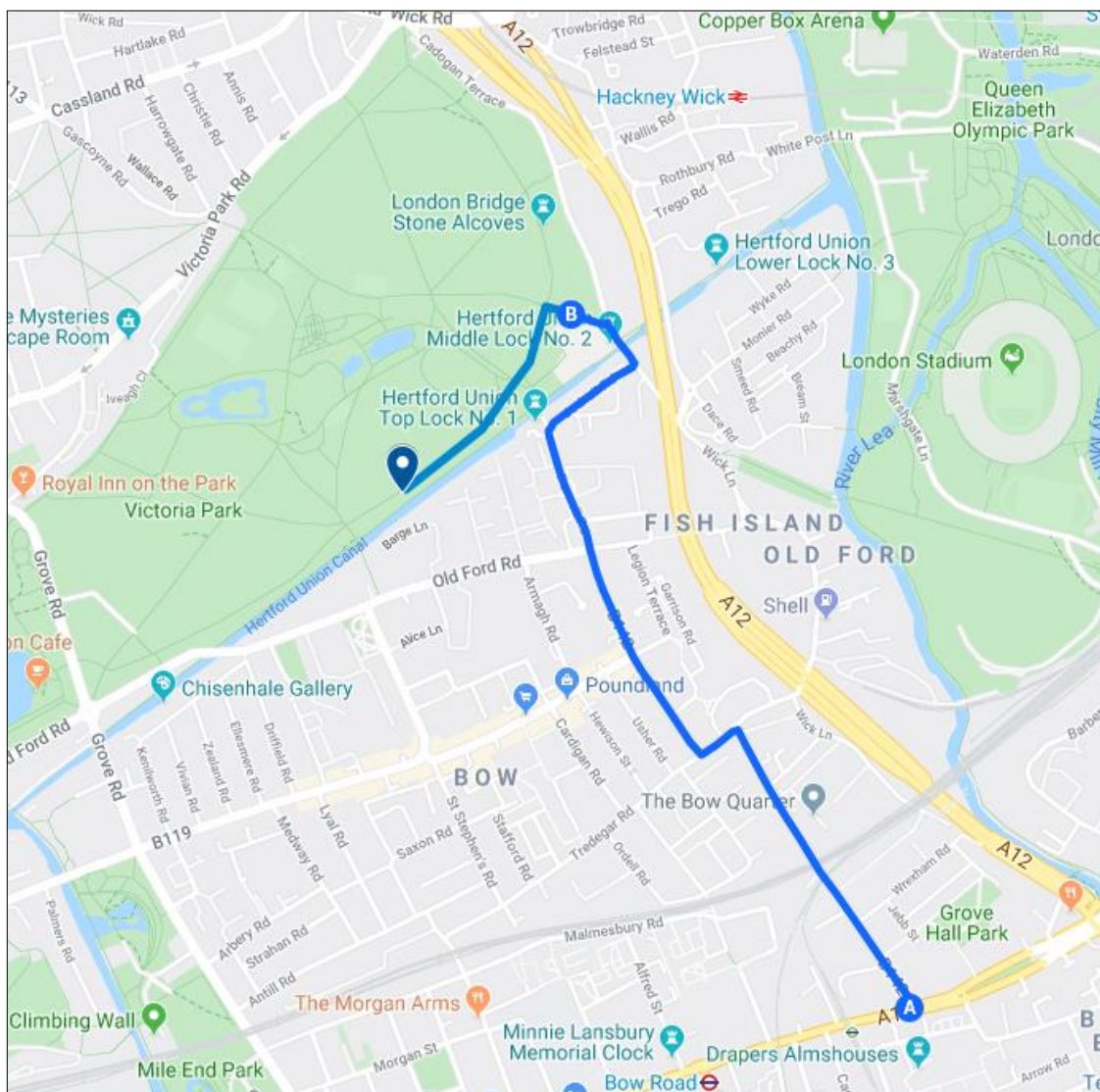
By Taxi:

The drop off point for the fireworks is at St Mark's Gate (Gate 8), which is approximately **700m** from the **viewing area**. Stewards will be able to direct you to the accessible Viewing area if you require it.

London Taxi - Every licensed London taxi is wheelchair accessible and features a host of accessibility aids. – Tel: 0871 871 8710

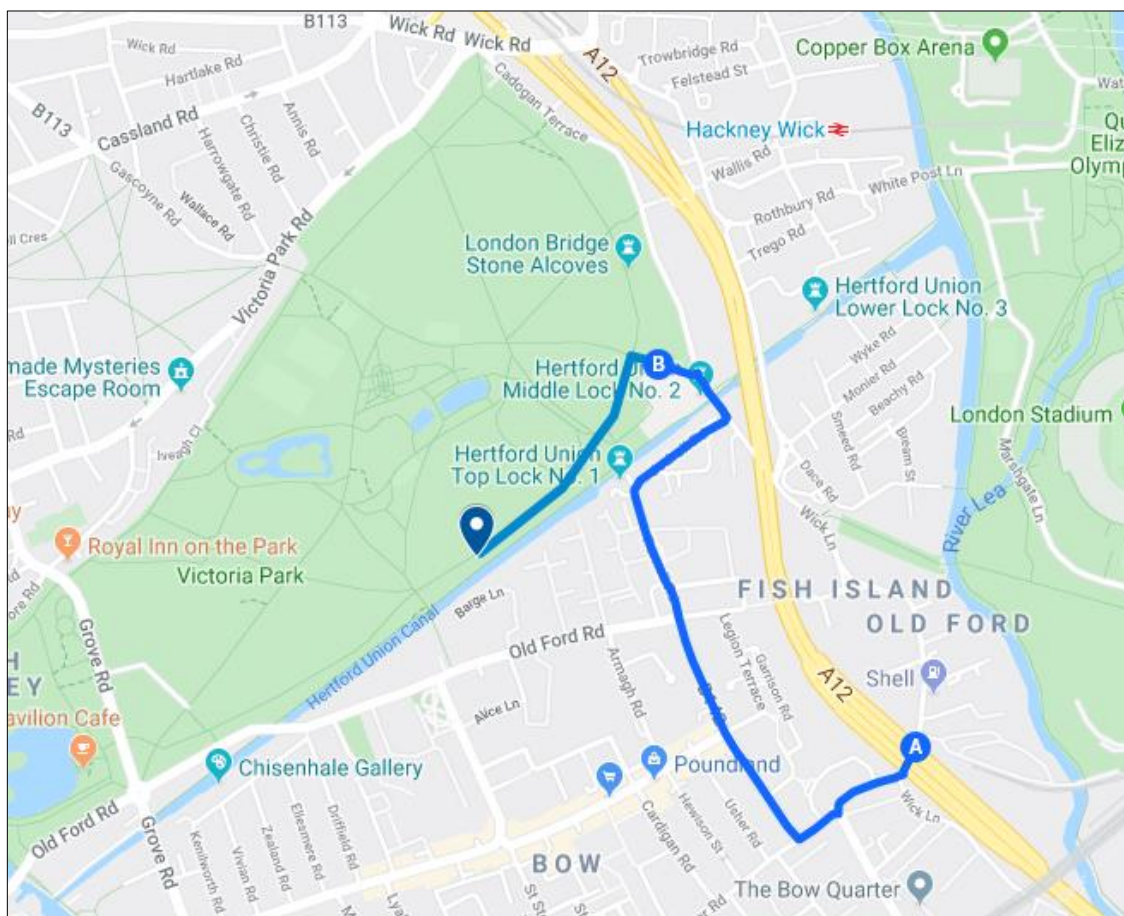
Uber – UberWAV is offers specially-outfitted cars to wheelchair users in the capital for the same price as a normal UberX ride. Passengers who need to use the service enter a code - ASSISTUK - into the promotion screen on Uber's app, giving them the option to request a trained driver, who has completed a disability equality course from Transport for All and Inclusion London.

Recommended Driving Route from South & West (Whitechapel/Bow)



- From Bow Road turn onto Fairfield Road (B142).
- Turn left onto Tredegar Road, then right onto Parnell Road (B142).
- Follow Parnell Road to the end and turn right onto Jodrell Road.
- At the mini roundabout turn left onto Wick Lane, straight ahead onto Cadogan Terrace, then take the first left onto St Mark's Gate (Gate 8).

Recommended Driving Route from North & East (Hackney)



- The recommended route is via the A12.
- Take the Old Ford B142 then turn onto Wick Lane (turn right if you are driving southwards, turn left if you are driving northwards).
- At the junction go straight ahead on Tredegar Road (B142).
- Turn right onto Parnell Road (B142).
- Follow Parnell Road to the end and turn right onto Jodrell Road.
- At the mini roundabout turn left onto Wick Lane, straight ahead onto Cadogan Terrace, then take the first left onto St Mark's Gate (Gate 8).

Road Closures & Diversions

There will be extensive road closures and restricted access from 5pm till 9pm at the following locations, please avoid these areas if you are travelling by car.

- Old Ford Rd between Parnell Rd and Bonner St.
- Grove Rd will be closed northbound from Mile End Rd to Gore Rd and southbound from Gore Rd to Antill Rd.
- Bonner St will be made southbound only, with No Entry at Roman Rd.
- St Stephen's Rd between Old Ford Rd and Tredegar Rd.
- Gunmakers Lane.
- Roman Rd will be closed westbound from Parnell Rd to Bonner St and eastbound from Globe Rd to Kenilworth Rd.
- Lauriston Rd; between Victoria Park Rd and Grove Road.
- Bishop's Way; Access Only at Cambridge Heath Rd.
- Sewardstone Rd: closed south of Approach Rd / St James's Ave.
- Approach Rd: between Bonner Rd and Sewardstone Rd.
- St James's Ave: between Bonner Rd and Sewardstone Rd.

For full details of road closures please see map here:

http://www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk/uploads/13548/Fireworks_2019_Road_Closure_Map.pdf

If you have any specific access enquiries please email:

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