

Welcome

Both Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park are approximately six miles from central London, both areas have excellent public transport, schools, parks, shops and restaurants. Forest Hill town centre is home to 169 small, mostly independently owned businesses, whilst Honor Oak Park is home to 30 small independently owned businesses.

About Forest Hill

Forest Hill is one of the highest hills in London, with spectacular views towards central London and the North Downs. Originally part of the Great North Wood, until the mid-19th century it was sparsely inhabited by charcoal burners and woodsmen.

The opening of Forest Hill station on the London and Croydon line in 1839 (originally called the Dartmouth Arms) gave the first boost to the development of the suburb. Until then the name 'Forest Hill' had been applied exclusively to fifteen or twenty houses in Honor Oak Road.

Dartmouth Place, the row of cottages adjoining Dartmouth Arms, became Forest Hill's first shopping centre.

New suburbs were a magnet for architects and builders. One builder, E. C. Christmas, set up his business at 55 Dartmouth Road around 1890. In the Perry Vale area, where his style is still pervasive, he gave his houses names, of which the first letters spelt out 'Ted Christmas' and 'Laura', his wife.

Forest Hill became a popular retreat for the wealthy, including the collector and politician Frederick Horniman. Horniman began his collection of artefacts as a hobby, on the course of his world travels. By the 1880s it had grown large enough to fill his home at Surrey House, 100 London Road.

In 1890 he opened Surrey House to the public and it became one of the most popular attractions in south London. The current building was opened in 1901 amid a 16-acre park, and is open to the public free of charge.

Other buildings of architectural merit include the Forest Hill Library, Forest Hill Pools and the Capitol cinema, now a J.D. Wetherspoon pub. The heart of Forest Hill town centre is a designated conservation district.

About Honor Oak

On May Day in 1602, Elizabeth 1 picnicked with Sir Richard Bulkeley of Beaumaris beside an oak tree at the summit of One Tree Hill. The tree became known as the Oak of Honor.

Steps lead from Honor Oak Park Road to the summit at 90 metres. At the top is a successor to the historic oak, planted in 1905. There is also a gun emplacement from the First World War. A beacon (and a telegraph) here were used by the East India Company and during the Napoleonic Wars. St Augustine Church, on One Tree Hill, was built in 1872 to the designs of William Oakley.

In 1809 The Croydon Canal Company constructed a canal from New Cross to Croydon via Forest Hill, which required 28 locks between Deptford and Honor Oak, due to the gradient of the land. By 1836 it had been taken over by the Croydon and London Railway for its new line. The line is the same as today's route. Honor Oak Park Station opened in 1886 – the original building remains.

Honor Oak pumping station is a splendid building of 1901, with a tower topped by a French chateau roof. The tower is over the original 100-metre well, still in use. In front is Honor Oak Reservoir, the largest ever brick-built underground reservoir when completed in 1909. The roof is grassed over and is now used as a golf course.



Local Landmarks and Places of Interest

- 1 Forest Hill Library**
Built in 1901, this Grade II listed building is truly a local treasure. It was the second purpose-built and publicly funded library in Lewisham. There are often local exhibitions on display inside.
- 2 Capitol J.D. Wetherspoons Freehouse**
Originally built as a cinema, this Art Deco building is an historic landmark (Grade II listed). The original detailing of the cinema has been carefully refurbished by Wetherspoons inside.
- 3 The Horniman Museum**
Gardens and Café.
- 4 Horniman Nature Trail**
This is part of a former railway line now managed as a nature reserve by the Horniman Museum. 9am–4pm daily. Access is from London Road.
- 5 Havelock Walk Galleries**
A row of galleries featuring the works of sculptor Jeff Lowe and many other artists. Open by appointment with annual open studio events.
- 6 Forest Hill Brick-carving**
This work of public art by local artist James Salisbury depicts scenes from Forest Hill's history and the canal.
- 7 Devonshire Road Nature Reserve**
This lovely nature reserve is open every Sunday 2–4pm. Access is from Devonshire Road.
- 8 Garthorne Road Nature Reserve**
The southern end of the reserve features a wheelchair access path. Access is from the north end of Beadnall Road.
- 9 One Tree Hill**
There are actually lots of trees on One Tree Hill. Entrance is via Brenchley Gardens. There is an area where dogs can be let off the lead.



Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park Secrets



15 minutes from London Bridge by rail
30 minutes from London Victoria by rail

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Where to eat and drink

Public houses

All Inn One

53 Perry Vale
020 8699 3311

Bar Equal

68–70 Honor Oak Park
020 8699 6674

Bird in the Hand

35–37 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 7417

The Capitol

11–21 London Road
020 8291 8920

The Dartmouth Arms

7 Dartmouth Road
020 8488 3117

The Hob

7 Devonshire Road
020 8291 2225

Question Bar

45–47 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 5686

Tapestry

39 Honor Oak Park
020 8291 2822

Restaurants

Café Jeera

Indian Brasserie
61a Dartmouth Road
0800 083 2713

Gingko Oriental Noodle Bar

63a Dartmouth Road
020 8699 9986

Honor Oak Tandoori

57–59 Honor Oak Park
020 8699 2255

Kafe La

15 Perry Vale
020 8699 2028

Provender Organic Bakers

103 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 4046

TES's Chinese

54 London Road
020 8291 0019

Thai Orchard

1–3 Davids Road
020 8291 3901

The Old Bank Restaurant

76 Honor Oak Park
020 8291 1738

Yune Restaurant

25 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 4000

Where to shop

Forest Hill

A J Hamiltons

51 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 6651
Jewellers

Bunka

4 Dartmouth Road
020 8291 4499
Ladies' fashion

Finches Ski and Sport

25–29 Perry Vale
020 8699 6768

The Fitting Studio

49 Dartmouth Road
020 8613 8038
Ladies' underwear

Laurel's Florist

19 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 9111

Mayo Maker

8 Dartmouth Road
020 8314 4050
Gentlemen's fashion

Oliver London

5 Davids Road
020 8699 5006
Designer accessories

Provender

103 Dartmouth Road
020 8699 4046
Organic Bakery
and Food Store

Honor Oak Park

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49 Honor Oak Park
020 8699 8087
Furniture Shop

In to the Fuchsia

64 Honor Oak Park
020 8314 4700
Florist

Jumping Beans

45 Honor Oak Park
020 8314 4747
Gifts

Mediterranean Delicatessen

72 Honor Oak Park
020 8699 3113
Delicatessen

The Pine Shop

63 Honor Oak Park
020 8291 7828
Pine Furniture

Uwannago Travel

50 Honor Oak Park
020 8291 0089
Travel Agents

A day in Forest Hill and Honor Oak

Start off at

Forest Hill Library

Pick up a coffee and cake from the **Provender bakery**, and then pop in for lunch at either:

Capitol J.D. Wetherspoons Freehouse

The Horniman Museum

After lunch there are lots of choices:

Horniman Gardens

Horniman Nature Trail

Havelock Walk Galleries

Forest Hill Brick-carving

Devonshire Road Nature Reserve

Garthorne Road Nature Reserve

One Tree Hill

Pop in for supper at **Tapestry** or the **Old Bank Restaurant**, then drinks at **Bar Equal**.



Gardens

Events

Forest Hill Day

Annual community day in June.
Horniman Gardens

Forest Hill Summer Programme

Annual market stalls in June, July and August.
Forest Hill Town Centre

Havelock Walk Open Studios

Annual Open events.
For more information please email
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Where to eat



Where to drink

Getting to Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park

Train

Forest Hill and Honor Oak train stations have regular trains to central London and the South-east.

Cycle

There is a network of cycle paths and lanes in and around Forest Hill and Honor Oak. These form part of a 1,800 mile network of routes throughout London.

Car

The South Circular (A205) runs through Forest Hill, B238 runs through Honor Oak. There is easy access to Bromley, Lewisham and central London on the A21.

There are car parks at Sainsbury's, Perry Vale and Forest Hill Station. There is also on street parking spaces on Dartmouth Road and Perry Vale.

Bus

Forest Hill: 122, 171, 176, 185, 197, 356
Night buses: N63, N176
Honor Oak: P4, P12

On foot

There are a number of walking routes that take you through some pleasant parks and attractions in south London, including the Brockley footpath, Waterlink Way, and Lewisham Promenade walk. For more information and a map visit Lewisham Council's website, www.lewisham.gov.uk.

For further travel information

www.tfl.gov.uk (journey planner)

Travel Information Call Centre 020 7222 1234

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www.tfl.gov.uk/dial-a-ride

www.dptac.gov.uk/door-to-door

www.disabledgo.info

Textphone: 020 7918 3015

