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# Adventure playgrounds in Islington

In Islington there are free, safe, open-access adventure playgrounds for children and young people. They have exciting outdoor structures and play activities in term-time, after school and during holidays. Playing outdoors can help children to develop self confidence and social skills, as well as keep healthy.

Our adventure playgrounds are designed and built with children and young people, and supervised by trained playworkers.



## 2 Cape Adventure Playground

Address: 85 Crouch Hill, N8 9EG

Tel: 020 3875 3662

Where it is: In the north of the borough in Crouch Hill Nearest tube: Crouch Hill Nearest bus route: W7

# Cornwallis Adventure Playground

Address: Cornwallis Road, N19 4LP Tel: 020 7281 0094 Where it is: In the north of the borough between Holloway Road and Hornsey Road Nearest tube: Upper Holloway Nearest bus route: 91



# 4 Crumbles Castle Adventure Playground

Address: Bingfield Street, N1 OBJ Tel: 020 7713 6997 Where it is: In the west of the borough between Caledonian Road and Liverpool Road Nearest tube: Angel or Caledonian Road & Barnsbury (Overground) Nearest bus route: 390

#### **5** KIDS Hayward Adventure Playground

Address: Market Road, N7 9PLTel: 020 7607 0033Where it is: In the west of the borough between Caledonian Road<br/>and York WayNearest tube: Caledonian Road & Barnsbury (Overground)<br/>or Caledonian RoadNearest bus route: 274274

#### King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground

Address: 11 King Henry's Walk, N1 4NX Tel: 020 7254 4783 Where it is: In the east of the borough off Balls Pond Road Nearest tube: Canonbury (Overground) Nearest bus route: 21

## **Z** Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground

Address: 15 Market Road, N7 9PL Tel: 020 7607 3586 Where it is: In the west of the borough between Caledonian Road and York Way Nearest tube: Caledonian Road & Barnsbury (Overground) or Caledonian Road Nearest bus route: 274

#### Martin Luther King Adventure Playground

Address: 3 Sheringham Road, N7 8PF Tel: 020 7607 0845 Where it is: In the centre of the borough off Liverpool Road Nearest tube: between Highbury & Islington, Caledonian Road and Holloway Road

Nearest bus route: 153

## **9** Three Corners Adventure Playground

Address: Northampton Road, EC1R OHUTel: 020 7833 0020Where it is: In the south of the borough off Rosebery AvenueNearest tube: Angel and FarringdonNearest bus route: 19

## 11 Timbuktu Adventure Playground

Address: Grenville Road, N19 4EJTel: 020 7272 2183Where it is: In the north of the borough off Hornsey RoadNearest tube: Crouch Hill (Overground)Nearest bus route: 19

## Toffee Park Adventure Playground

Address: 30 Ironmonger Row, EC1V 3QS Tel: 020 7251 0190 Where it is: In the south of the borough off Old Street Nearest tube: Old Street Nearest bus route: 55

# 12 Waterside Adventure Playground

Address: 50 Dame Street, N1 7FR Tel: 020 7359 6200 Where it is: In the south east of the borough off Essex Road Nearest tube: Angel Nearest bus route: 30

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#### Adventure playgrounds in Islington: safe, fun, welcoming and free!

Adventure playgrounds are **safe** – all adventure playgrounds are Ofsted registered. Children sign in when they arrive so that staff members know who is on the playground at all times. Senior workers at each playground hold a Level 3 qualification or higher. All staff members are police checked, receive regular safeguarding training and follow Health and Safety guideline requirements. There are fully trained first aiders on site whenever the adventure playground is open and any staff or volunteers working with food have a valid Food Hygiene Certificate. Staff members at the adventure playground understand that each child is an individual. Some children may not be ready to come along to the adventure playground or walk home without an adult. Each child's circumstances are discussed between parents and the staff members at the time of registration so there is an agreement and understanding about your child's stage of development and independence.

Adventure playgrounds are **fun** – children attend adventure playgrounds in high numbers because they enjoy spending time there - nearly 4,000 children attend the 12 adventure playgrounds each year. At Adventure Playgrounds playworkers support children to follow their own interests and through doing so ensure children can determine their own playful adventures. There are always exciting and interesting things for children to get involved with, regardless of the weather or the time of year, with everything from sports, cooking, crafts and nature play on offer year round. Children can also spend quiet time with their friends and on their own – playgrounds have books to read, gardens to tend and space for activities away from noise and activity.

Adventure playgrounds are **welcoming** – Islington is a diverse borough and the adventure playgrounds reflect this! Children across a range of ages from 6 and up attend, there is an even balance of boys and girls, you will hear children speaking a range of languages and the adventure playgrounds support many disabled children and children with special educational needs. Bullying on adventure playgrounds is *never* tolerated and staff members work together with children, families and other professionals to make sure that any incidents are dealt with appropriately.

Adventure playgrounds are **free** – once your child is registered at the playground, they can attend whenever the playground is open. There will be some occasions where charges apply, for example when there is a trip off site or if there is a special event taking place at the adventure playground.