

# Getting here

## *Directions to Kenway Cottage*

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*- 34 Kenway Road, Kenway Village, Kensington & Chelsea, London, SW5 0RR -*

Welcome to Kenway Cottage, a rather quirky worker's cottage built in the 1830s. It's in the quiet streets of Kenway Village, a surprisingly calm enclave of cottages and mews houses amidst the chaos of Gloucester Road, Earl's Court and Cromwell Road. It's just a couple of minutes walk from the tube stops at Gloucester Road or Earl's Court, and even less from the dozens of busses that trundle along Cromwell Road and Earl's Court Road. The nearest British Rail station is at West Brompton (Thameslink service is the connection to Gatwick Airport and Sussex), and all this makes for less than twenty minutes journey time to be 'door to door' to cinema in Leicester Square.



These notes are to help you get here and find some useful local services if you are unfamiliar with the area.

## *How to get here?*

**Maps of London?** If you are new to London try using these websites to find your way around: [www.Streetmap.co.uk](http://www.Streetmap.co.uk) or the Google maps section of Google (that will also give you great local search).

**The area:** This area is the central district of West London. It is in the underground Zone 1 and in walking distance of the museums of South Kensington and the Bars and Cafes of the Kings Road as well as Earl's Court's own pubs and restaurants. If you're new to London then a travel card that includes zone 1 is a good buy, and if you're staying a while then get yourself one of the Oyster travel smart cards (the fares are cheaper and it's much more flexible about when you travel. These are available from any underground station.

**The formal address:** (in case you need it) Kenway Cottage, 34 Kenway Road, Kensington & Chelsea, London, SW5 0RR.

**How to get here by road:** Warwick Road, Earl's Court Road and Cromwell Road are three of West London's main arterial routes. To enter Kenway Road you will need to be heading south down the Earl's Court road. Take the forth turning on the left after you cross Cromwell Road. It is a very tight turning with bollards next to a newly refurbished bar called The Prince of Teck. Coming from the East or West follow the Cromwell Road and take signs for Earl's Court. If you miss the turning (happens a bit I'm afraid then follow the road down to the big junction at after a row of houses, take a right here onto Old Brompton Road, then right at the first set of lights onto Warwick Road, a right at the major junction with Cromwell Road, and then back down Earl's Court Road again.

**How to get here by tube:** Piccadilly and district lines service Earl's Court. The Piccadilly line is also the cheapest way to get here from Heathrow and because we are so close to the station is likely to be even quicker than the Heathrow Express fast rail link.

**Nearest mainline rail:** Brompton Road (10 mins from Clapham Junction) see railway website for times and platforms.

**Route here from the station:** Exit Earl's Court tube station on the Earl's Court Road side – ie not the exhibition centre. Turn left and walk against the traffic. Kenway is the second turning on the right. If you get as far as the Starbucks then you have missed us. You can call National Rail Enquiries for advice on train times into London.

**Parking?** As the area is a conservation area most of the parking is in a residents parking zone so if you're driving then allow yourself some time to find the general public parking bays and pay and display machines in Kenway Road itself.

## *Where's my nearest...?*

**Museum?** You're two tube stops from the museums at South Kensington which include the Science Museum, Natural History Museum and the V & A. Alternatively rather than taking the tube you can catch a bus or walk along the backstreet squares parallel to Cromwell Road.

**Park?** The nearest parks are Holland Park, then Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park.

**Swimming pool?** For the brave there's an open air Lido in Hyde Park during the summer!

**Cash?** There's a Bureau de Change in the station, plus four banks on Earl's Court Road.

**Restaurant?:** Zizzi, Strada and Masala Zone - all on Earl's Court Road - are great consistent performers. There's a Pizza Express nearby and an excellent Chinese in Kenway itself, plus French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Thai restaurants in the street behind the house.

**Video rentals?** PrimeTime is at the end of the road

**Off license?** The best is the Odd-bins on the Earl's Court Road (right out of the station and about 100 yards).

**Taxi?** There is a mini cab office in the little passageway of restaurants behind the cottage.

**Supermarket?** There are small branches of Sainsbury's, M&S and Sommerfield on Earl's Court Road. Within a few minutes walk there are giant Tesco's (24hrs) and Sainsbury's stores on the Cromwell Road.

**Photo developers?** There is a branch of snappy snaps on Earl's Court Road that seems to be the best, but there's also a small independent developers behind the house.

**Takeaway?** Whatever your vice you'll have loads to choose from. Several are open till 3am.

**Laundrette / tailors?** There are two dry cleaners on Kenway Road itself and a laundrette that does service washes in the street behind the house. All three have tailor services.



**Doctors / dentist?** Preident in Hogarth Passage just behind the house is the nearest.

**Gym?** There is a branch of Soho Gyms by the station with daily membership from about £9 and weekly membership from £25. More competitive prices exist for longer periods.

**Cinema?** Thanks to the folks over at Orange, alternate Wednesdays [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk) are a regular cheap film night at the Odeon on Kensington High Street. Sticking with movies, but this time shorts not features: the folks at FutureShorts [www.futureshorts.com](http://www.futureshorts.com) have really gotten it off the ground now and have a couple of venues in walking distance including The Gate. Another great local movie venue for a touch of culture from over the water is Cine Lumiere. See listings on LondonNet. And there's all the usual blockbusters at Fulham Broadway, Kings Road or in town

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## Map

