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# An Aromatic Oasis in Morden

A short but lingering walk through the fragrant gardens of Morden Hall Park in suburban south London.

**Distance** 1.7 miles (2.8km)

**Minimum time** 1hr

**Ascent/gradient** Negligible

**Level of difficulty** Easy

**Paths** Mainly tarmac paths

**Landscape** Parkland, marshland and meadows

**Suggested map** aqua3 OS Explorer 161 London South

**Start/finish** TQ 257686; Morden tube

**Dog friendliness** Remember to poop-scoop in Morden Hall Park

**Parking** At garden centre off Morden Hall Road (Morden tube 550yds/500m)

**Public toilets** Morden Hall Park

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1 Turn left at the exit to Morden tube. At the junction use the pedestrian crossing to cross Morden Road. Bear right along Morden Hall Road. Ignore the first entrance on the left leading to Morden Hall (now occupied by a chain pub/restaurant outlet), and take the second. Follow the path ahead, past the stable block on your right, leading to the tea room and garden centre.

**2** Cross the bridge, passing the Snuff Mill Environmental Centre (primarily an educational facility for school groups), to enter the lower section of the rose garden. You can walk across the grass but you need to return across the bridge and turn right.

**3** A few paces further, turn right over a white bridge with decorative iron railings and walk along an avenue of lime and chestnut trees to cross a bridge over a tributary of the River Wandle.

**4** Turn right and go through a metal gate leading to the upper section of the rose garden. Follow the path ahead to reach another metal gate. Continue past the pond, with its wilderness islands, as it curves to the left to meet the avenue of lime and chestnut trees.

**5** Follow the path as it swings to the left, becoming a narrow path beside some fencing. A few paces further on, when the path joins another, take the left-hand fork across the meadow.

**6** Just before the road and tram stop, turn diagonally left across the meadow towards the avenue of trees. At the main path turn right and retrace your steps from Point 4 towards the white bridge, and then back to Morden tube.

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