

A zine anthology of haiku inspired by a walk on Peckham Rye



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The **Museum of Walking** is a family run business that develops walking productions with a *creative twist*.

Our events often include a mix of drawing, bricolage and learning, with our focus on making them creative using walking as the art form.

Participants come and explore an area, meet others, to learn something new together. The 'art is in taking part' which we call '**walking creatively**'.

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Haiku on Foot
A light-hearted participatory creative writing walkshop (walking workshop) to compose, recite and publish haiku while discovering intriguing things about trees.
In celebration of creativity on foot!
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Haiku inspired by a Japanese Garden and "We stand up for trees"

Serene yet full of noise
Life is here in all its forms
Trees and bark, birds with their song
[AK]

A walk in the park
There's a smell I keep smelling
It really annoys me
[AK]

Daisies on the bank
And the warmish smell of damp
Blackbirds sing a round
[AL]

Woodland Trust are us
We love the flowers and bees
We stand up for trees!
[AL]

Listen carefully
The birds singing together
And the water flows
[AM]

Trees get old and stiff
Is no seat free for a tree?
We stand up for trees!
[F]

Smell of new mown grass
And bright blossom. No diesel
We walk widdershins
[F]

Bobbing clockwork duck
Swims round the brambled clock-face
Of the small round pond
[F]

Smells here are weird
Creeping close through the warm air
Subtly intriguing
[J]

Birdsong in the air
Water bubbles over rock
Children's voices call
[Y]

Squirrels enjoying
Water bubbling through the trees
Fresh green ev'rywhere
[Y]

Leading, listening
Sounds of water by my side
Perfumed Peckham Rye
[Z]

Stylised garden
Where's the lacquered cabinet?
Scrolls of our haiku
[Z]

Sitting on stones
Water falling fast below
Peckham wonderland
[Z]

Haiku on the Rye
The art is in taking part
We stand up for trees!
[Z]

more haikus to be revealed on the reverse

With the sounds and scents
In the Japanese Garden
Where nature is planned
[AM]

On Peckham Rye
In Nunhead Cemetery
We stood up for trees!
[E]

Gurgling waterfall
Alarmed coot and creak of shoes
Otherwise silence
[E]

Curving path leads to
Mirrored pond: maple and
Rhododendron - Zen
[E]

A waterfall leads
To duck filled lake - it's the
Japanese Garden
[E]

A fine anthology of haiku inspired by a walk on Peckham Rye



Haiku on the Rye

Thanks for looking inside

Childhood memories of playing in the woods

I'm always in there
Playing war games in the wood
I have just been shot

[AK]

Flowers fall behind
Water falling, Verdant trees
Forgotten fragrance

[AL]

Running through the woods
Now we're playing hide and seek
Carefree, having fun

[AM]

The gloom of the trees
Hiding places for spirits
Delightful terror

[E]

Day out with my school
Exploring Epping Forest
Never forgotten

[E]



Mysterious trees
Sounds of unknown animals
Foreboding shadows

[F]

Though war games are fun
Birds are fascinating too
Don't pigeonhole me!

[F]

Rushing through the woods
How I hate the walk from school
Chased by older boys

[Z]

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this is the inside - switch me around to reveal my outside

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Peckham Rye Park 'freestyle'

How do you do that?
So much song, so many calls
Otherwise silence

[AK]

Look, the peonies
The bees are going crazy
Fluffy white, honey yellow

[AK]

Cinnamon-scented
This is a perfumed heaven
Oh smell the roses!

[AL]

With bees and flowers
In the peace of the garden
Then comes the siren

[AM]

Tell me tales of yews
Trees and bark, birds with their song
Foreboding shadows

[E]



Laburnum bower
Cinnamon-scented roses
And bee-full borage

[E]

Ancient ginkgo
Fan leaves and great strong roots
Why the parakeet?

[E]

Inadequate fence
Fails to keep abundance in
Fat blossoms burst through

[F]



Birdsong all around
The world is holding its breath
Under warm white sky

[F]

Heady with delight
I fly the fragrant garden -
Goodbye old tree gloom!

[J]

Write a quick haiku!
But I wallow in flowers -
How can I comply?

[J]

Challenge worth taking?
6 minutes to write haiku
Not just one but two!!

[Z]

Inspirational
flower gardens in sunny May
Hate to hurry you

[Z]

Foraging haiku lines
From new found friends and poets
Capturing Scents

[Z]

Scented honey here
Bees buzz around the colour
Body and mind relax

[Y]

Peaceful picnic groups
Strolling through the trees and plants
Let's do it again.

[Y]