



Watling Street:
The straight line of Edgware Road, Maida Vale and Kilburn High Road follows the great Roman road from Londinium to Deva (Chester).

Grand Union Canal: The 5 1/2 miles from Little Venice to the Thames was built by the Regent's Canal Company between 1812 and 1820. The driving force behind it was John Nash, the architect, who also laid out Regent's Park with its famous terraces.

London Waterbus Company: Regular boat services between Camden Lock and Little Venice. Leave from both places every hour on the hour. ADULT FARE - £2.20; CHILD - £1.20. DON'T BOOK TO THE ZOO AS YOU PAY TWICE AS MUCH TO INCLUDE THE ZOO ENTRANCE CHARGE.

Legging through the Maida Vale Tunnel.
Before boats had engines two boatmen lay on their backs and pushed the boat through with their boots. The job was arduous and dangerous. It took an hour for the 270 yard tunnel.

Little Venice: Nikolaus Pevsner wrote in 1952, "The canal pool is now surrounded by a good deal of sordidness. Slums start almost immediately to its west and north." Today there is great wealth and the fine mid-Nineteenth Century houses sell for six-figure sums.

Clock Tower: All that remains of Bunning's Metropolitan Cattle Market, built in 1855. His other great market - the Coal Exchange - was needlessly destroyed in the 1960s.

The 'Blow-up Bridge': The Maddesfield Bridge has 10 fine Doric columns which are all that remains of the original bridge. In 1874 it was destroyed when a barge loaded with gunpowder blew up, killing the crew.

Zoological Gardens: Opened in 1828. From the canal you will see Lord Showdon's famous Aviary which was opened in 1965.

Camden Lock Centre: Craft shops etc. Weekend market next to Chalk Farm Road. Access through door from towing-path.

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