

Rail Trail 2023 celebrates 160th anniversary of the Metropolitan line

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Rail Trail, a fundraising event organised as part of this year's Rail Aid is celebrating the 160th anniversary of London Underground's Metropolitan line by walking a length of its route – and is looking for eager participants.

The Metropolitan line Rail Trail, a 20-km walk above ground from Wembley Park to Aldgate on September 29th is generously supported by Transport for London and will raise vital funds for the rail industry's favourite charity, Railway Children.

At every station along the way there'll be a checkpoint to collect a stamp as well as marshals en-route to keep everyone on track. There'll also be information hubs to point out local landmarks as well as tell participants about the kind of projects and children their fundraising will support. Each participant will receive a fold-out map containing walk information and an event T-shirt. And a celebratory drink and medal will be waiting for everyone at the finish line.

Sign up and step up for vulnerable children

The Metropolitan line Rail Trail is just one of a whole host of events put on as part of Rail Aid 2023. First launched in 2020 as a response to COVID-19 restrictions wiping out Railway Children's popular events calendar, Rail Aid has become a much-loved part of the rail industry's calendar. Alongside the Rail Trail, there will be golf events, luxury train experiences, Santa trains and much more – keep an eye on the activities as they are announced at www.railaid.co.uk/events

Last year's Rail Trail raised over £42,000. And at a cost of just £20 to register and a £100 minimum sponsorship pledge, it is hoped this year's Metropolitan line Rail Trail will raise even more. Every penny raised helps Railway Children reach and protect vulnerable children on the streets and railways of India, Tanzania and here in the UK.

The walk is suitable for individuals and groups, young and old, friends and colleagues, humans and their furry friends! The route is also suitable for mobility scooters and wheelchairs. Every pound raised will genuinely make a difference to children around the world who desperately need our support. Find out more or sign up now at www.railaid.co.uk/metropolitan-line-rail-trail/

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