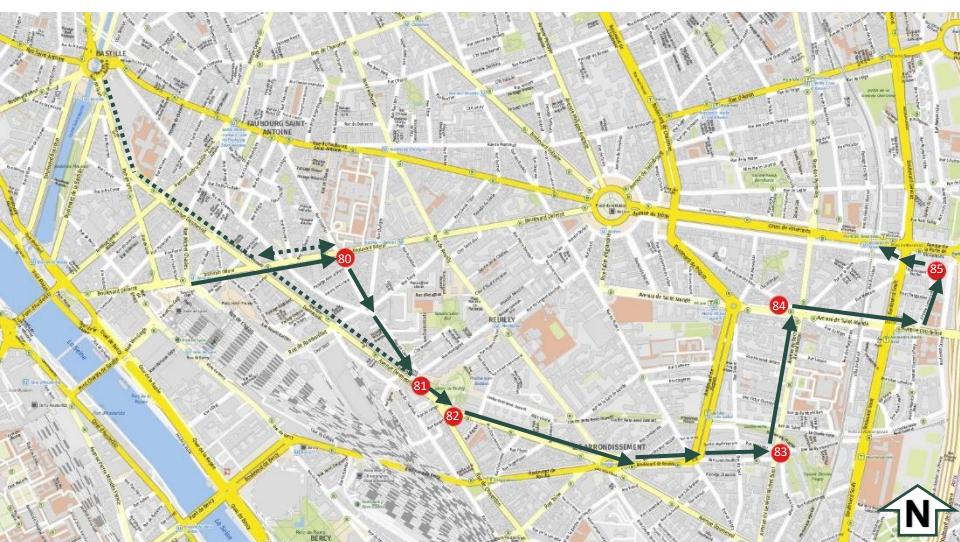


WALK 16 | Diderot-Vincennes

Start – Metro Station, Gare Lyon
Lines 1, 14, RER D, A

Approximate Length: 4.25 km
Option: 4.85 km



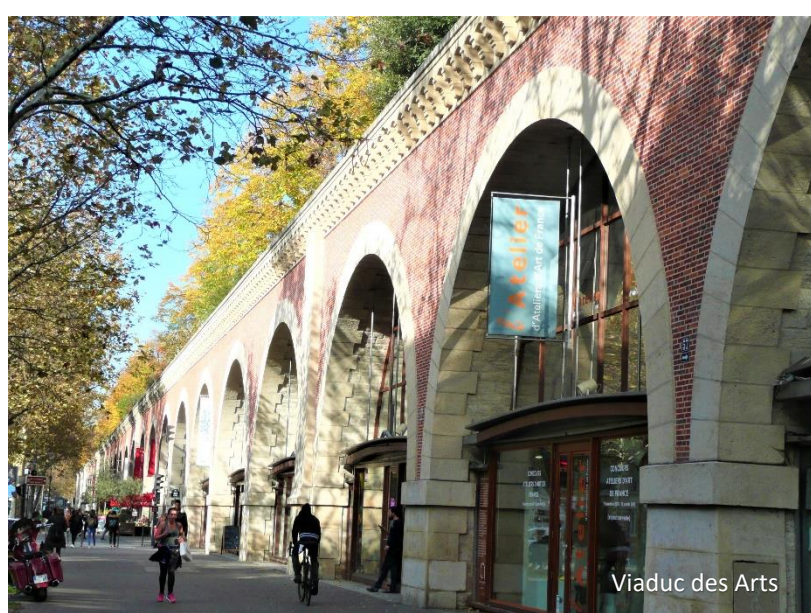
= Underground Metro Station



= Optional Route

From the Metro station at **Gare Lyon** proceed to Boulevard Diderot and go east. At the intersection of Rue de Charenton you will find a Wallace Fountain.

Option: Start – Metro Station, Bastille
Lines 1, 5, 8



From the **Opera Bastille**, go south on Rue de Lyon to Avenue Daumesnil. Explore the **Viaduc des Arts** along Avenue Daumesnil or walk up top on the green space called **Promenade Plantée**.

At Boulevard Diderot on street level, go east on Diderot to Rue de Charenton and the first fountain. Then, return to the Viaduc and take it or the Promenade Plantée to the end. When you are back at ground level, you will be at Place Moussa et Odette Abadi.

Fountain 80
122 Rue de Charenton, 12th Arr.



This fountain is easy to miss because it is set among the young trees planted in the tiny square where it stands. During the growing season, the color of the leaves is the same dark green as the fountain, making this a perfect example of how early city planners and Sir Wallace envisioned the fountains blending in with the surrounding landscape.

Now, walk southeast on Rue de Charenton and follow it to Place du Colonel Bourgoïn. Veer to the right and continue walking along Charenton until it intersects with Avenue Daumesnil at Place Moussa et Odette Abadi. Voilà, another fountain!

Fountain ⁸¹

Place Moussa et Odette Abadi, 12th Arr.



This fountain stands in the square near a small garden with seasonal flowers and permanent vegetation. The square is flanked by chestnut trees and double-sided park benches common

throughout Paris. Across the street, a large section of a stone barrier serves as a retaining wall for **Jardin de Reuilly**.



What is poignant about this square is the wording on the location sign. In translation, it reads: *Place Moussa and Odette Abadi, (1910-1997) (1914-1999), Founders and leaders of the network Marcel (1943-1945) that saved 527 Jewish children from deportation*. It is another reminder of the horrors of Nazi occupation and the desire of Parisians never to forget the heroic acts of brave citizens. This is a perfect place for a symbolic drinking water fountain.

Now, follow along the park wall on Avenue Daumesnil a short distance, then cross the street to the city hall of the 12th arrondissement. Here is another fountain on the plaza directly opposite the main entrance to the Town Hall of the 20th district, **Mairie XII^{ème}**.

Fountain ⁸²

Mairie 12th at Rue Descos, 12th Arr.

This fountain has been at this location since before 1893. It stands on the plaza opposite the entrance to the town hall of the 12th arrondissement, one of the grandest buildings in the 12th



district. The slopes rising to the large entrance doors of the impressive structure are usually planted with seasonal flowers.



The town hall faces a small park with a play area for small children, a shrine to the memory of citizens of the 12th arrondissement who lost their lives to war and a memorial to the Jewish children of the district deported to Nazi death camps.

After a pause to reflect or to rest on a park bench, take Avenue Daumesnil to Place Félix Eboué.



Proceed east on Boulevard de Reuilly to the intersection. Then, cross the intersection and continue two blocks east on Rue Louis Braille. Cross Avenue Bizot to Rue de Montempoivre where a Wallace Fountain can be found.

Fountain ⁸³ **2 Rue Montempoivre, 12th Arr.**

You will find this fountain in a typical, small residential square with trees, cobblestones, street lamps, park benches and pigeons pecking about.



Now, take Avenue Michel Bizot north. It turns into Avenue du Docteur Arnold Netter. Continue north past the **Hospital Trousseau** to Avenue de Saint-Mandé. Turn left at Saint-Mandé and after a

very short distance where the road intersects with Rue du Rendez-vous is a Wallace Fountain.

Fountain 84

82 Avenue de Saint-Mandé, 12th Arr.



This Wallace Fountain is at a very busy traffic intersection where several streets converge. The area contains many shops with

welcoming, well-maintained store fronts. The shops are inviting, and the local cafes are charming.



Next, proceed east on Saint-Mandé crossing Boulevard Soult to Avenue Lamoricière. Turn left and follow the avenue to its end. Where the street ends at Rue Fernand Foureau and on your right is the last Wallace Fountain of this walk.

Fountain 85

30 Avenue Lamoricière, 12th Arr.



This fountain is located behind a complex of four, 9-story apartment buildings and serves residents of all the surrounding family apartments.

Now, walk west along Rue Fernand Foureau to Boulevard Soult and turn right. When you get to Avenue de la Porte de Vincennes, turn left and walk a very short distance to the Metro and tram stations, Porte de Vincennes, or to the bus stop.

End – Metro Station, Porte de Vincennes
Line 1, Trams T3a and T3b

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Take the Challenge to find all the fountains and automatically become a Friend of the Fountains. Document the time and date you found each fountain on the **Chart** available to download from the website.

In addition to dispensing water, these fountains continue to remind humans to be kind and generous to one another and to cooperate with others for the common good. That is what Sir Richard Wallace intended, and that is what we should do to thank him.