## WALK 22 | Clignancourt

Start – Metro Station, Porte de St-Ouen, Line 13 Approximate Length: 2 km





= Underground Metro Station

Exit the Metro station for line 13 at Porte de Saint-Ouen. Then, follow Boulevard Ney east

past **Hospital Bichat**-**Claude Bernard** and you will soon see a tree-lined square on your left. The square has been developed to echo the symmetry of a handsome U-shaped 1930s



apartment building complex behind it.

## Fountainᡂ Face 4 rue Henri Brisson, angle Blvd. Ney, 18<sup>th</sup> Arr.



At rue Henri Brisson you will find one of the city's newest Wallace Fountains. It was fabricated by GHM, the foundry that still manufactures the fountains, and installed at this location by Eau de Paris in January 2020 as a water source for residents and for passengers using the tramway. From here, continue walking east along

Boulevard Ney until you come rue Marcel Sembat. Turn left and enter the lovely garden of Square Marcel Sembat where you will find a Wallace Fountain.

## Fountain Square Marcel Sembat, 18<sup>th</sup> Arr.

This Wallace fountain in a charming garden park is just north of the busy Boulevard Ney. The garden square provides a peaceful place to relax and enjoy nature and the outdoors. If you brought along a snack or a sandwich, it is a good place to have a picnic and get a drink from the fountain before you resume your walk.



Cross the street and continue walking east along Boulevard Ney and turn right on rue du Ruisseau.

**Option:** To your immediate right you will discover two hidden passages, the second, **Villa des Tulipes**, is well worth a detour. This narrow, cobbled street is home to a series of fascinatingly idiosyncratic houses, each with its own character and style. Note the lively artwork and hundred-year-old gnarled wisteria with its massive trunk and intertwined branches.





Directly on the other side of rue du Ruisseau you can look down onto a section of an abandoned train line, formally known as **La Petite Ceinture**. The old station platforms were converted into community gardens and the original station can be seen at the far end.





The gardens are maintained by an enthusiastic group of locals who have installed beehives, container plants and a summer stage. Before 1998, this disused rail line was a public dumping ground. Today, it is home to butterflies, birds, hedgehogs, and a variety of plant life, a true ecological oasis at the edge of the city. It is open to the public in the summer on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Continue on rue du Ruisseau. Just before the Church of Sainte Hélène turn left onto rue Esclangon. Behind the church is a brightly painted playground. Turn right and go south on rue Letort. You will soon come to rue Versigny. Turn left on rue Versigny and in a short distance you will arrive at the intersection of five small streets and Place Michel Pétrucciani.

## Fountain <sup>109</sup> Place Michel Pétrucciani, 18<sup>th</sup> Arr.



Here you will find another new Wallace Fountain installed at this location in July 2020.

Now, take rue Ste-Isaure south to Place Jules Joffrin where the walk ends, and where you will find a metro station.

End – Metro Station, Jules Joffrin, Line 12

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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.

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