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March for the Alternative
Briefing for New Covent Garden/Battersea
coaches
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Battersea /New Covent Garden Coach Briefing

This briefing is for people in coaches that are parking at New Covent Garden and Battersea. Each coach will have a travel steward who will know more about the day. There is also more information on www.marchforthealternative.org.uk.

Arriving

Where you will be dropped is a matter for your group organiser and coach driver, but as there are hundreds of coaches coming and many road closures it cannot be near to the march assembly point and you will need to complete your journey by public transport.

If you are dropped at the coach park, you should aim to take the train (not the tube) from either Vauxhall or Queenstown Road to Waterloo. Vauxhall is recommended as many more trains stop at Vauxhall. It is one stop to Waterloo. If you don't have an Oystercard, you should buy a one day zone 1-2 travelcard at £6:60. Some people arriving from the SW have boats chartered, and will receive separate briefing on this.

Where you join the march will depend on what time you arrive. There are zones at the start of the march for particular unions, but once these fill up (and we expect that to happen pretty fast) we will direct new arrivals to the rear of the march. As we do not want people to join the march from the front, we will have stewards on bridges across the Thames to guide marchers. Early arrivals will cross Waterloo Bridge, while those who come later may be diverted via Blackfriars or Southwark Bridges.

Returning to your coach

There are two routes back to your coach park from Hyde Park:

- You can walk to Victoria station by exiting Hyde Park by gates to the south. We expect the march to still be entering Hyde Park until quite late so you may need to use one of the other gates slightly to the west of the entrance gate. It is about a 20 minute walk to Victoria. Trains depart every 5 minutes or so, and it takes 4 minutes to get to Battersea Park station. We think this is likely to be the quickest way as Green Park could become congested. Battersea Park station is close to Battersea Power Station.
- You can walk to Green Park station and get a Victoria Line train to Vauxhall. While Green Park is closer to the rally in Hyde Park, you have a longer walk at Vauxhall if you are in Battersea Power Station. To get to Green Park you should leave via the Upper Brooke St Gate, cross Park

Lane and travel via Grosvenor Square. This is even more important if the march is still coming into the park as you will have to walk against the flow of the march to get to Green Park tube.

Entrance to the coach parks are both off the same road though it is called Nine Elms Lane at the Vauxhall end and Battersea Park Road at the other. You should use the entrance to New Covent Garden labelled 'Fruit and Vegetable Market'.



