

Travel hacks 2 – Avoid the crowds by using lesser known stations instead of busy ones and avoiding central London

When you look at the Tube map it is easy to pick out the better known stations as the best way of getting where you want to go. But there are lesser known options which are quieter and ideal for avoiding the crowds, something which is even more important during the current pandemic.

Hack #1 Use Mansion House and Cannon Street over Bank and St. Pauls

[Mansion House](#) and [Cannon Street](#) District/Circle line stations are less busy than Bank or St. Pauls Central line stations but are very short walks from those stations.

Hack #2 Avoid the crowds at Euston Northern line station by using Euston Square station

[Euston Square station](#) is less busy than Euston station (Northern and Victoria line) and has step free access to the Westbound platform. This makes it very useful at times when Euston station may be overcrowded.



Hack #3 Avoid the crowds by using Great Portland Street and Regent's Park stations

[Great Portland Street](#) (Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City and Circle lines) and [Regents Park](#) (Bakerloo) stations are a short distance apart and are less busy than other surrounding stations (Baker Street and Oxford Circus).

Hack #4 Use West Hampstead station to avoid going into central London

[West Hampstead](#) is a really useful interchange location for travelling between north west and south west London without going through central London. It has [Thameslink](#), [London Overground's](#) Stratford to Clapham Junction and Richmond, and Jubilee line services all located close to each other on the same road. Metropolitan line services can also be accessed using a one-stop change at the next station at Finchley Road. Easy interchange between the London Overground services and the Metropolitan line service is also available via a short walk along Finchley Road between



Finchley Road Tube and Finchley Road & Frognal station

Hack #6 Use London Overground Barking to Gospel Oak route to quickly travel between north and east London

The London Overground [Barking to Gospel Oak](#) route quickly connects east/north London from Barking (c2c and District and Hammersmith & City Lines) to Gospel Oak (London Overground Stratford to Richmond/Clapham Junction lines) via Blackhorse Road (Victoria Line). It also has several short walks to other stations - Manor Park and Forest Gate (both TfL Rail), Leytonstone (Central Line), Walthamstow Central (London Overground Chingford route and Victoria line), Seven Sisters (London Overground West Anglia route and Victoria line), Harringay (Great Northern route) and Archway (Northern line).

