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The London Underground was the first city underground in the world





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There are more than 280 tube stations





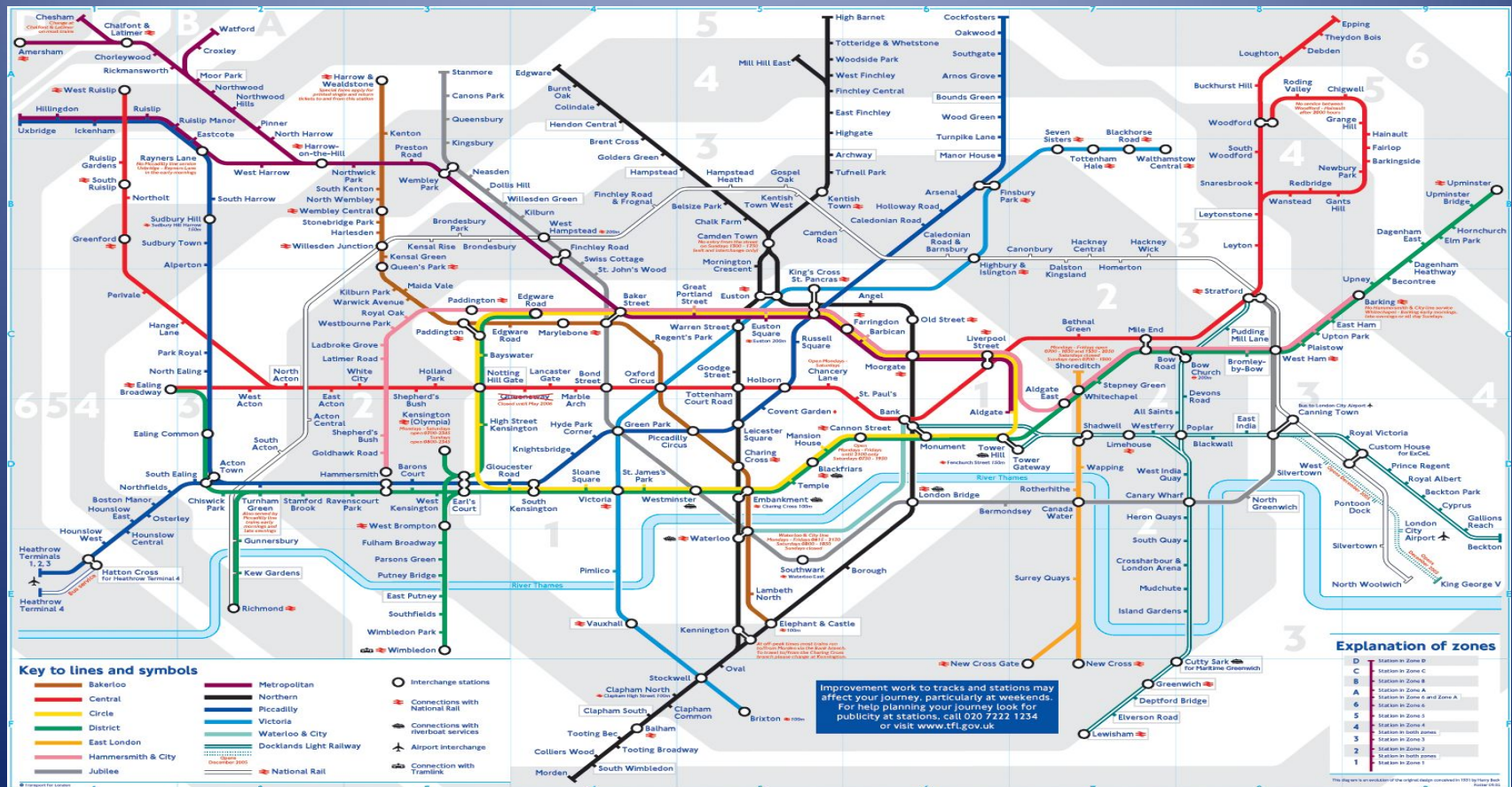
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The Underground has more than **280** stations and around **400 km** (250 miles) of track, making it the longest metro system in the world by route length. It also has one of the highest number of stations. In 2007, more than **one billion** passenger journeys were recorded, making it **the third** busiest metro system in Europe after Paris and Moscow.



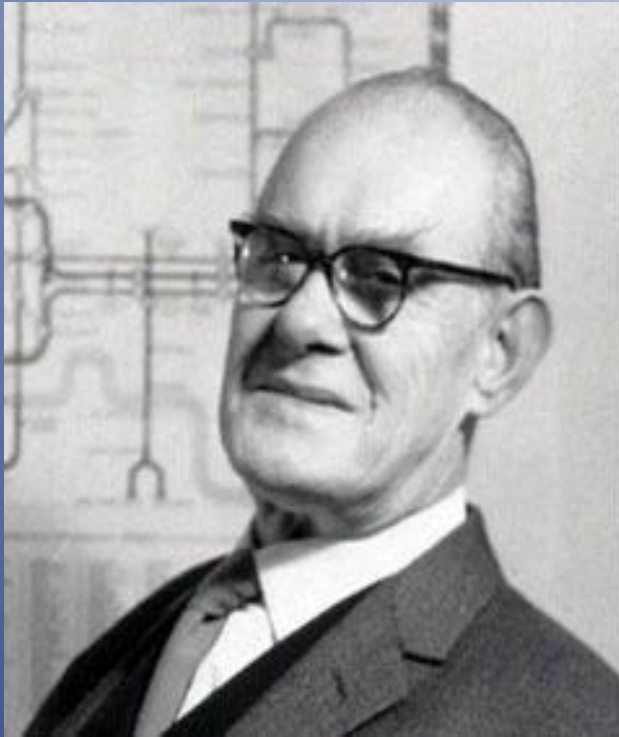
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The London Underground's 11 lines are the Bakerloo line, Central line, Circle line, District line, Hammersmith& line, Jubilee line, Metropolitan line, Northern line, Piccadilly line, Victoria line and Waterloo & City line.





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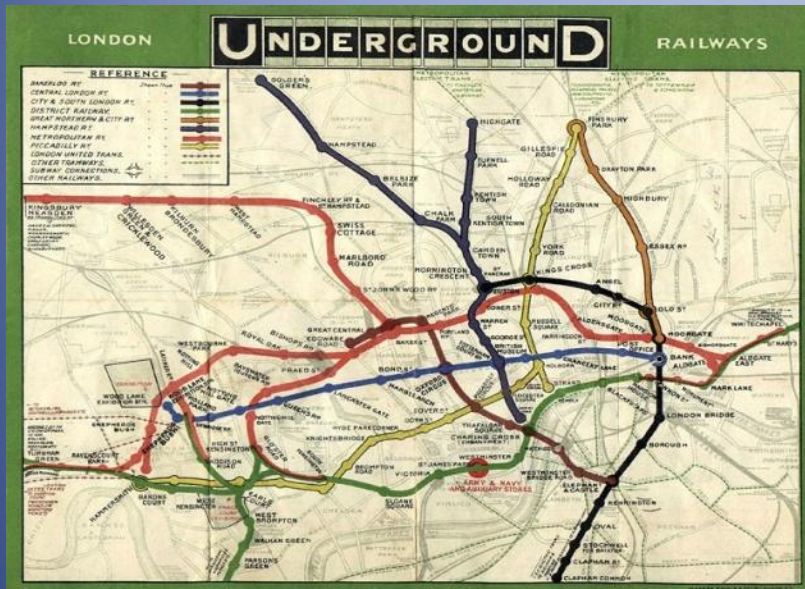
HARRY BECK

Born	4 June 1902
Died	18 September 1974 (aged 72)
Nationality	<u>British</u>
Occupation	Designer
Known for	<u>Tube map</u>

The London Underground map has a classic 20th century design with a great history of its own. Although it was designed in the 1930s, the original is still used today with modifications. Harry Beck, the designer of the map in 1933, was only paid five guineas for the job.



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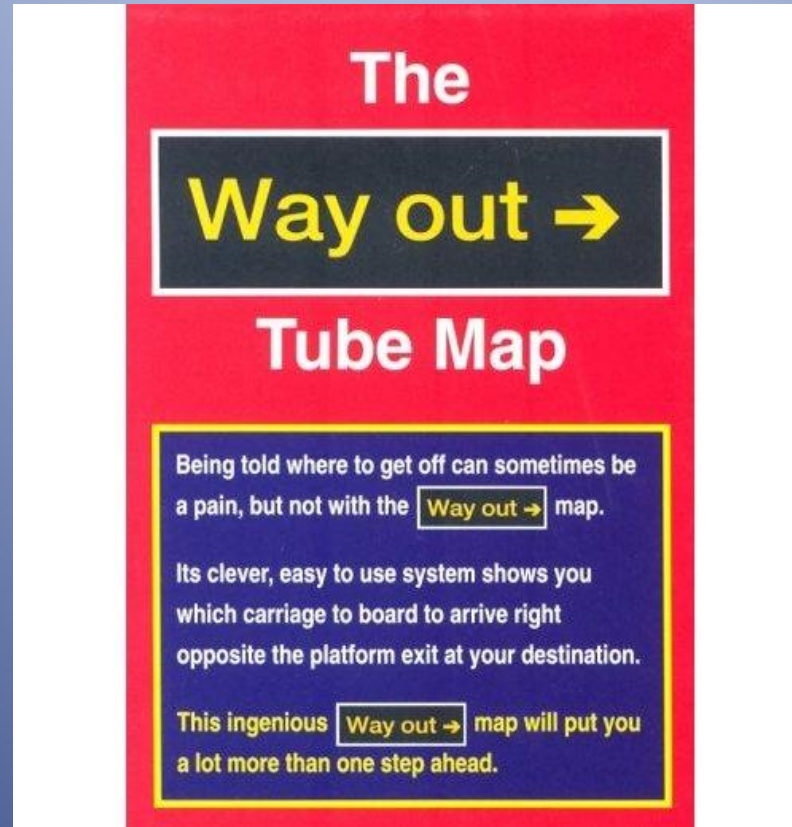
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Underground maps are outside Tube Stations



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Someone has actually designed “The Way Out” tube map which is a pretty useful invention, since it shows where all the nearest exits are when you reach a station, allowing you to save valuable time.



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The shortest escalator on the system has 50 steps. All the escalators do the equivalent of two round the world trips every weeks.



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"Mind the gap between the platform and the train." You are reminded of this by an announcement in London's underground (call it tube, subway or metro if you like) each time the train comes to a halt at a station.