

**A ROYAL RICHMOND & BOUTIQUES**

Richmond Green was the setting for ceremonies, courtly entertainment and jousting played out in front of the magnificent ‘Tudor’ Richmond Palace built by Henry VII. It was at Richmond that Elizabeth I died in 1603. Next to the Palace gatehouse is a glorious row of Georgian houses called Maids of Honour Row where the un-married daughters of monarchs once lived. To the south of Richmond Green (extending up to Hill Rise at the foot of Richmond Hill) are a series of enchanting little lanes full of boutiques, specialist shops and eateries.

**B CHOLMONDELEY WALK & RICHMOND RIVERSIDE**

Cholmondeley Walk dates from the C18th and was one of the first pedestrian walkways in the UK – originally having two separate paths one for ‘polite’ society and a more muddy path on the water’s edge for everyone else. Richmond Riverside retains many historic boat sheds making everything from the Queen’s Barge to submarines! Rowing boats can be hired from here.

**C RICHMOND BRIDGE & PROMENADE**

The walk follows Richmond Promenade under the grade I listed Richmond Bridge (the oldest surviving bridge on the Thames in London) to the Buccleugh and Terrace Gardens which can be visited via a small C18th grotto under Richmond Road.

**D PETERSHAM MEADOWS**

Leaving Buccleugh Gardens the walk enters a pastoral landscape past the Petersham Meadows and its famous herd of cattle (summer months). The area is celebrated as the Arcadian Thames meaning ‘rural paradise’.

**E HAM TOWPATH & GLOVERS ISLAND**

Less than ten miles from Central London, this stretch of the towpath has a country feel. Across the river is Marble Hill House, built in the C18th for the Henrietta Howard, the mistress of King George II, and also Orleans House, named after the Duc d’ Orleans, who lived here at the turn of the C19th.

**F HAM HOUSE & HAM AVENUES**

Ham House is the best surviving C17th house and garden in England – owned and managed by the National Trust. Radiating from Ham House are the historic Ham Avenues that are currently being restored.

**G HAM COPSE**

At the top of Melancholy Walk the walk divides. A shorter route (Route A on the map) can be taken by turning left, or a longer more strenuous path (Route B on the map) by turning right via Ham Common and Richmond Park.

**H Route A - PETERSHAM**

Retaining a real village character Petersham is quite special. At the church Vincent Van Gogh was once curate and around Petersham Nurseries celebrity spotting is the order of the day! Petersham Meadows, below Richmond Hill has a herd of cattle managed by a local trust who lease the meadow from the council for an annual charge of a posy of wild flowers picked from the riverside.

**I Route B - HAM COMMON & RICHMOND PARK**

The Great South Avenue is a haven for wildlife and an important ‘bat run’ linking roosting sites in Richmond Park with the feeding ground at the river. At Richmond Park two types of deer can be spotted – the larger Red and the smaller Fallow.

**J KING HENRY’S MOUND**

King Henry’s Mound is one of the highest places in London. From the summit a small ‘keyhole’ view in the holly hedge gives a splendid view of the dome of St Pauls Cathedral exactly ten miles away.

**K RICHMOND HILL & TERRACE GARDENS**

A steep climb takes the walker up to the world famous Richmond Hill, the inspiration for the English Landscape Movement, the most painted scene in London and the only view protected by an Act of Parliament in the UK. The nearby Terrace Gardens are laid out as a Victorian pleasure garden and include an C18th grotto under the main road linking the park with the river.

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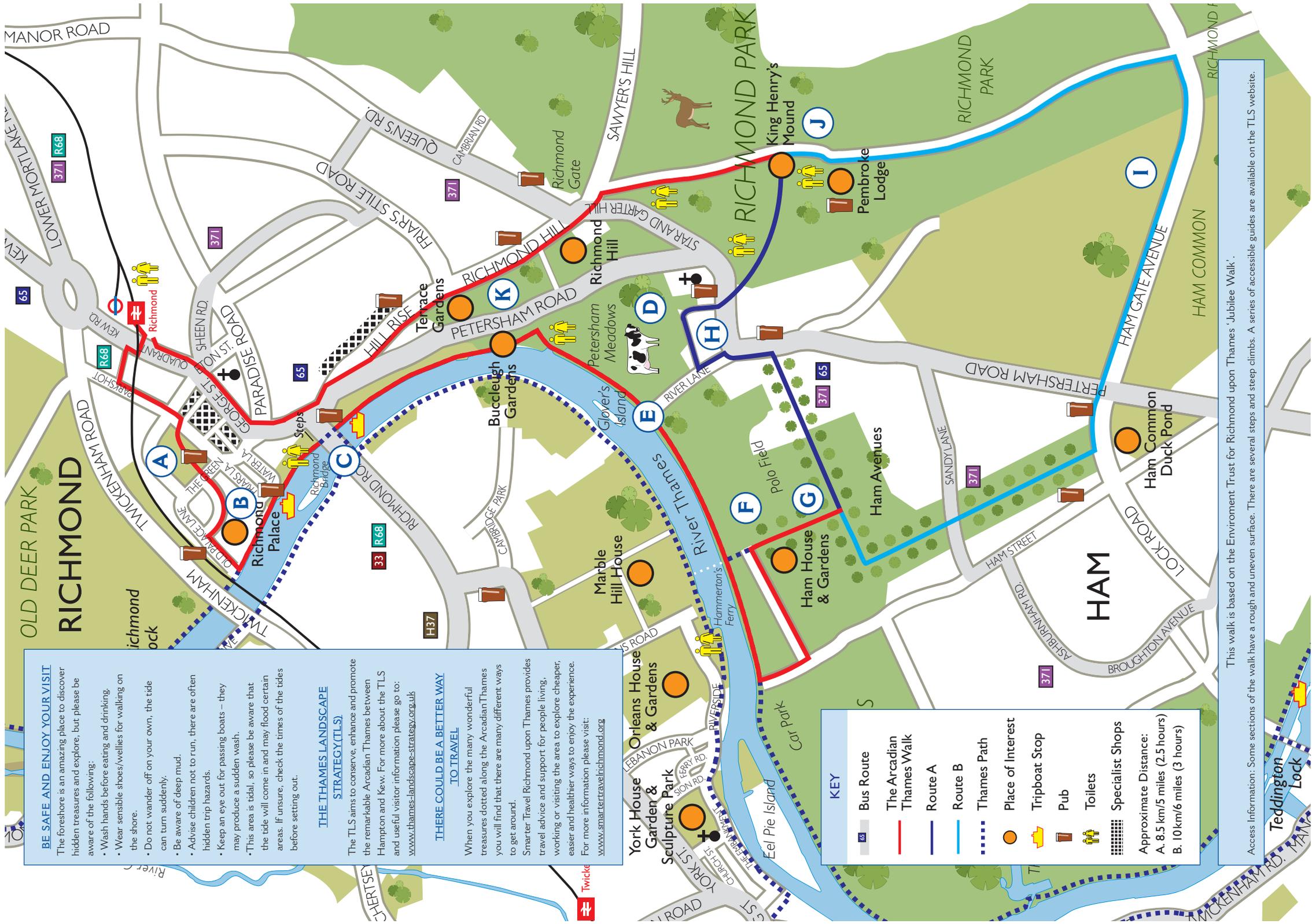
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**BE SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR VISIT**  
 The foreshore is an amazing place to discover hidden treasures and explore, but please be aware of the following:  
 • Wash hands before eating and drinking.  
 • Wear sensible shoes/wellies for walking on the shore.  
 • Do not wander off on your own, the tide can turn suddenly.  
 • Be aware of deep mud.  
 • Advise children not to run, there are often hidden trip hazards.  
 • Keep an eye out for passing boats – they may produce a sudden wash.  
 • This area is tidal, so please be aware that the tide will come in and may flood certain areas. If unsure, check the times of the tides before setting out.

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**KEY**

- Bus Route
- The Arcadian Thames Walk
- Route A
- Route B
- Thames Path
- Place of Interest
- Tripboat Stop
- Pub
- Toilets
- Specialist Shops

Approximate Distance:  
 A. 8.5 km/5 miles (2.5 hours)  
 B. 10km/6 miles (3 hours)

This walk is based on the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames 'Jubilee Walk'.  
 Access Information: Some sections of the walk have a rough and uneven surface. There are several steps and steep climbs. A series of accessible guides are available on the TLS website.