

Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

Walk Title	Richmond to Hampton Court	Walk No.	345
Area	London	Type	Linear
Date	Date: 26 January 2022		
Distance	Approx 8 miles (13 km).		
Timing	From Richmond station to Hampton Court station approx 3 hours' walking, plus travel time, plus lunch. Allow 6 plus hours.		
Meeting up & travel	Meet outside 9.15 at H&I to catch the 9.32 overground train or meet the Leader at Richmond railway station at 10.30. Trains back to Waterloo from Hampton Court station at 24 and 54 minutes past each hour. All travel within Zone 6 Freedom pass area.		
Route	Richmond station down to river and Thames path for 5 miles to Kingston-upon-Thames bridge, and lunch at approximately 1245. After lunch, across Kingston bridge and into Hampton Court Park for 2.5 miles, along Long Water to back of Hampton Court palace with fine views. Exit Park onto river path and over Hampton bridge to station.		
Lunch	Comptoir Libanais at Kingston bridge at approximately 12.45pm.		
Dropping out	Drop out point: lunchtime at Kingston.		
Suitability	Members should consider taking a lateral flow test before attending. Suitable for any reasonably fit walker. Walking boots recommended, plus waterproof jacket and an extra layer as it's often colder by the river. Combination of some tarmac, paths and grassy parkland. Mud in many places. Check forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain.		
Facilities	There are loos at Richmond Station, and a couple of points along river route to lunch and at Comptoir Libanais, but none thereafter on walk until Hampton station.		
Walk source	Leader's own.		
Map & other references	Map: London South O/S 161.		
Leader & contact details	<u>Walk Leader:</u> Barbara Roberts. Mobile 07960-775450, phone or WhatsApp.		
Interesting facts	Hampton Court Palace, home of Henry VIII and the Tudor dynasty.		