**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**K. 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 Paul’s Cathedral exactly ten miles away.

**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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**BLEND AND ENJOY YOUR VISIT**

- Wash hands before eating and drinking.
- Wear sensible shoes/wellies for walking on the shore.
- Keep your pets on a lead at all times.
- 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.

**THE THAMES LANDSCAPE STRATEGY (TLS)**

The TLS aims to conserve, enhance and promote the remarkable Arcadian Thames between Hampton and Kew. For more about the TLS and useful visitor information please go to:

[www.thames-landscape-strategy.org.uk](http://www.thames-landscape-strategy.org.uk)

**THE Arcadian Way – A Better Way to Travel**

When you explore the wonderful treasures dotted along the Arcadian Thames you will find that there are many different ways to get around. The TLS provides travel advice and support for people living, working or visiting the area to explore this heritage, reassess and find ways to enjoy the experience. For more information visit:

[www.smartertravelrichmond.org](http://www.smartertravelrichmond.org)

**THE WALK**

This walk is based on the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames ‘Jubilee Walk’.

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

Access information: Some sections of the walk have a rough and uneven surface. There are several stepped or steep descents. A series of accessible guides are available on the TLS’s website.