

# 4 HAMPTON COURT WALK

# ROUTE DESCRIPTION



## Hampton Court Walk

Use car park at Hampton Court (A) free for Orange/Blue Badge holders. From here go right across the front of Hampton Court Palace then through a gate on the opposite side to join a wide pathway (Barge Walk) along the river's edge where ← (B). Soon you come to the King's Privy Garden (now much as it would have been seen by William and Mary) glimpsed through gloriously complex (1710) ironwork. ↑ along a broad tarmac path till you reach "The Pavilion" (C) where continue through a gap beside a gate and along a firm gravel riverside walk. Pass Raven's Ait (D) and continue with the skyline opposite dominated by the Italianate tower of St. Raphael Church. Through another gateway the path becomes a road passing houses and houseboats, eventually climbing up to road level near Kingston Bridge (E). ←, passing the roundabout on your right and continue until you reach Old King's Head Studios (F) ← into Hampton Court Park. Follow the drive over a cattle grid (or accessible gate) and at the next fork in the road (G) signposted "Golf Course" go → for the best part of a mile. At the next fork keep left on the main road to pass between double rows of lime trees. Just past a small pond on the left, leave the golf club road and → on a crossing road (H) signposted "Farm Cottages" to walk by The Long Water (completed

in the time of Charles II). Follow the road as it takes a long bend past cottages then take a → fork (I) up a rougher track to Hampton Court railings where there is an accessible gate and bridge (J) into the palace grounds. Walk on up to the house itself to → along a gravel path past the tennis court (yes, Henry VIII really was a Wimbledon-standard player) then ← through the garden until you pass the (accessible) toilets and back into the car park.

## Hampton Court Palace

Britain's greatest palace set in superb gardens. You really need several visits to see it all. The main parts (including the Tudor kitchens) are accessible but for some areas you will need to ask the (very helpful) staff for assistance. Tilt Yard restaurant fully accessible.

## Pubs and Restaurants

Halfway round the walk, by Kingston Bridge (E), the pleasant White Hart Hotel (across the road and access via hotel reception at side) is accessible with disability loo. Other (accessible) pubs/restaurants in Hampton Court Road.

## Disability Loo

Fully accessible toilets in several places around Hampton Court.

## ROUTE INFORMATION

A good five mile walk which takes you along the riverside with all its activity and through parkland with some quite spectacular open views. Excellent for Winter as well as Summer.

Key: Turn left ← Turn right → Straight ahead ↑ Go back ↓

- Surface**  
Path surfaces shown on map:  
a Hard, firm, smooth, few loose stones, none more than 5 mm  
b As a, loose stones no more than 10mm.
- Gradient Uphill**  
Maximum gradient 1:8, from the towpath to Kingston Bridge.
- Hazards**  
Speed humps on the towpath.

- Clearance**  
Minimum path width 1.1m.
- Public Transport**  
Many bus routes along Hampton Court Road. Tel: 020 7222 1234.
- Nearest station** Hampton Court, with trains to Waterloo. Tel: 08457 484950.
- Parking**  
Includes dedicated bays for disabled people.

- Refreshments
- Toilets
- Pub
- Rest Place
- Information