

6 & 7 MARBLE HILL & RICHMOND WALKS

ROUTE DESCRIPTION



ROUTE INFORMATION

These walks form a figure of eight but for simplicity we've started both from Marble Hill. Marble Hill is approx 1.5 miles and Richmond approx 2.75 miles. Generally good, hard surfaces, but watch out for high tides.

Marble Hill Walk

Start at Marble Hill car park (A). ← as you come out to go along footpath towards the river. To your right Marble House (English Heritage) is an impressive tribute to a monarch's mistress. The coachhouse has disability loo (RADAR key) and cosy (accessible) cafe. The path continues past an historic Black Walnut tree and onto riverside (B) where you ←. Fine views of Star & Garter and Petersham Meadows. At Richmond Bridge (C) ← up slope onto Richmond Road (D). ↑ passing Annabelle's pleasant, accessible cafe and shops to traffic lights (E). Here you ← along Richmond Road, past more shops then ↑ at the end of Alexandra Road into Cambridge Park (F). Almost immediately → along Nos. 1-14 Cambridge Park (keeping to right hand side) with its impressive Victorian villas. Just before the end (G) cross over to ← past end of Beaufort Road then immediately ← into Marble Hill Park.

Richmond and Marble Hill Walk

Start as for Marble Hill Walk (A). ← as you come out to go along footpath towards the river which you join at (B) to ←. Follow path round till you come to Richmond Bridge (C) up on to road (D) cross at pedestrian crossing, turning → to go over Richmond Bridge. ↑ up slope then next ← into mock-Georgian Heron Square (E) cobbled but accessible. Go through archway opposite into square overlooking the river (F) with Richmond Tourist Office (accessible from back door as signposted) to right. Use riverside terraces to descend to river level. → along towpath to pass end of Water Lane

(G) then past White Cross pub and end of Friar's Lane. At high tides this stretch can be under water. ↑ along the towpath (Cholmondeley Walk) towards railway bridge but before the bridge → (H) up Old Palace Lane, site of Henry VII's magnificent Richmond Palace. After about 100 yards → into Old Palace Yard (I) and pass Trumpeter's Inn. Go diagonally across these last remnants of the old palace and out of gateway onto Richmond Green (J). → along the edge of the Green, past Maids of Honour Row (1724) and top of Friar's Lane (K) then ↑ into King Street bearing right into Hill Street (L) crossing the top of Water Lane. At cinema ↑ up the hill (cinema on left). → at roundabout to recross Richmond Bridge back to (D) and continue as for Marble Hill Walk.

Official Guided Walk (Accessible)
 "Historic Richmond" starts 11.00am at Tourist Information Centre, Tuesdays to Fridays early June to end October. Tel: 020 8940 9125.

Pubs, Cafés and Restaurants
 Richmond is full of delightful pubs and eating places, many fully accessible. Dickins & Jones (George Street) has a lift to their third floor cafe. Lindsay's Restaurant (Hill Rise) specialises in Cr pes.

Disability Loo
 Dickins & Jones (shop hours). There is also one by the Richmond Tourist Office but access is quite complicated.

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
 c Hard, firm, some loose stones no more than 10mm.

Hazards
 Difficult crossing at Alexandra Road, parked cars by Richmond Bridge and lack of drop kerbs at Richmond Green.

Gradient Uphill
 Maximum gradient 1:12.

Gradient Downhill
 Maximum gradient 1:7.

Kerbs
 Highest kerb 30mm.

Cross Slope
 Only cross slope 1:10 (towpath).

Public Transport
 Many bus routes along Richmond Road, George Street and bus station off Red Lion Street. Tel: 020 7222 1234.

P Parking **♿** Toilets **♿** Rest Place **☕** Restaurant **☕** Pub