

It's a **SOCIAL**

WHAT: 'A RIVERSIDE AND PARK RAMBLE'

Join us for a 6 mile circular walk from Teddington Lock enjoying the towpath, Terrace Gardens, Richmond Park, Pembroke Lodge and Ham Common. *Certificates for children taking part!*

WHEN: EASTER MONDAY 28 MARCH 2016

TIME AND MEETING PLACE:

Starts 10.15am, ends approx 2.30pm

Meet and finish at Teddington Lock, Ferry Rd, by the Anglers Pub Sign (for a shorter walk, end in Terrace Gdns)

WHAT TO BRING:

Wear suitable clothing and stout shoes and bring water, snacks and a picnic if you would like to.

COST: Money for food or drink bought from cafes and transport to get home if needed (note: the cafes may be very busy on this Bank Holiday.)

Leader: Janet Dilley

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**WALK - NATURE - RIVER - LOCKS
BOATS - WILDLIFE - HISTORY
ARCHITECTURE - PICNIC - CAFE**

A delightful walk for all ages covering parks, rivers and hills that offers diverse vistas and includes several stops along the way. We begin by the river at busy **Teddington Lock** - look out for a simple stone obelisk on the left where plaques dated 1909 mark the point where the Port of London Authority takes over from the Environment Agency. Across the river, Twickenham and Eel Pie Island come into view. As the path passes the island, we can see the grand houses of Richmond Hill and 17th century aristocratic **Ham House**. Continuing past **Petersham Meadows**, we pass through an old archway into the **Terrace Gardens** (approx 11.30am) where we have our 1st stop at the vegetarian café for approx 30 mins. There are colourful flowerbeds, many unusual trees and a conservatory - and spot the Coade stone River God statue. We then take the path out of the gardens to a **viewpoint on Richmond Hill**. Entering **Richmond Park** through the Richmond Gate we continue into the grounds of **Pembroke Lodge** built in 1729, where we have our 2nd stop of approx 45 mins for lunch/picnic. On a fine day St Paul's Cathedral can be seen from Henry's Mound. We continue along Hornbeam Walk down to Ham Gate. Walking on towards **Ham Common** we see the grand early 18th-century **Ormeley Lodge**. At Ham Common enjoy watching the wildlife on the pond. Our route then passes the backstreets of Ham until we walk on the sealed footpath, returning us to **Teddington Lock**.

To book - please sign up on the list on Reception or email to let Janet or Steph know you are coming. dilleyjanet@hotmail.com swstephwillkinson@btinternet.com

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