



# The Lungs of London

## Explore Richmond Park



Walk 3.5hrs (13km)



Total Ascent 140 m



Highest Point 56 m

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# Welcome

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This contains all the handy information: how to get there, points of interest and pubs, stations etc. Make sure you have plenty of battery!



## RICHMOND PARK

Tap here to access your digital OS Map

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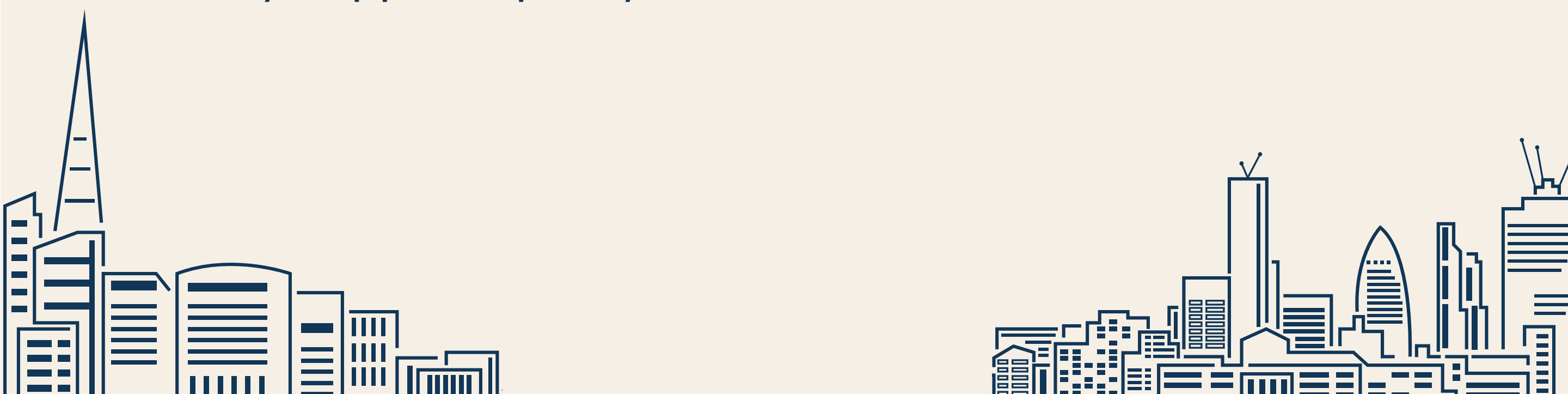
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## Getting There



### London Underground

Start at Richmond Station, the station is served by the Overground and District line. We recommend using Citymapper to plan your route to the station.



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# Walk Summary

One of London's eight Royal Parks. Created as a hunting ground by Charles I in 1637. He introduced the deer the park is renowned for.

Large enough to get lost in, it's the one place in London you can really leave the city behind and enjoy open skies above you. The deer in the park are seriously impressive; but don't get too close! The sunrise across Richmond Park is second to none, if you can get here in the morning when you have the park to yourself. You will never forget it.



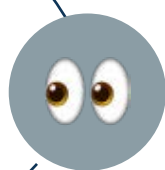
## Points of interest

To learn more about each of these points, [tap here](#) and find the relevant waypoint in the OS map app.



### **RICHMOND STATION**

It's a 25 minute walk through the quaint suburb of Richmond to the park.



### **VIEW THE VALE OF THE THAMES**

Enjoy the celebrated view of the vale from the road



### **KING HENRY'S MOUND**

This steep mound is a bronze age burial-mound or 'barrow'.

## ST. PAUL'S VISTA



Use the public telescope provided at the top of King Henry's mound to view a 10 mile vista to St. Paul's Cathedral which is legally protected.



## THE ROYAL OAK



This 750 year old tree, surrounded by a small fence, has seen London grow from 25,000 to 8 million people!



## PEN PONDS

During WWII they were drained to prevent them being used as a landmark by the Luftwaffe.



## ISABELLA PLANTATION

A 40 acre woodland garden set within a Victorian plantation. It's azaleas flower from late April.



## WHITE LODGE

A grade I listed hunting lodge built in 1740. Now home to the prestigious Royal Ballet School.



## PETERSHAM NURSERIES

A stunning destination with various eateries. The Teahouse has seasonal menu and grows its own produce.



## FINISH BACK AT RICHMOND STATION

If you have some time on your hands, Richmond has lots of nice restaurants pubs to offer.

# TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite birds to look out for on this walk:



## **Red Deer**

Male red deer can weight up to 200kg

## **Fallow Deer**

Historically native to Turkey and parts of Southern Europe.



## **Parasol Mushroom**

A fairly common mushroom that grows impressively large.



# Plan B

## CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

We recommend you make your way back to the road by King Henry's mound and call a Taxi back to the station when you've had enough.



# Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.  
CREATED BY OUR LOCAL CURATOR, WILL.**





# What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your walk as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of walk available to you on:  
[portal](#)

## STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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