CHISWICK PEIR NATURE WALK

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Description:
This fabulous nature walk has been devised by Chiswick Pier Trust and Brenna Boyle of Wild Capital. The 6km route allows you the opportunity to spot various flora and fauna of the area, proving that nature is truly flourishing in our capital city! A relatively flat walk with plenty of refreshment stops along the way.

Distance: 3.7miles / 6 km **Duration:** 2 hours **Difficulty:** Easy

Refreshments:

There are plenty of spots for refreshments on this walk, including these pubs: The Black Lion, Old Ship, The Dove, Rutland Arms and The Blue Anchor.

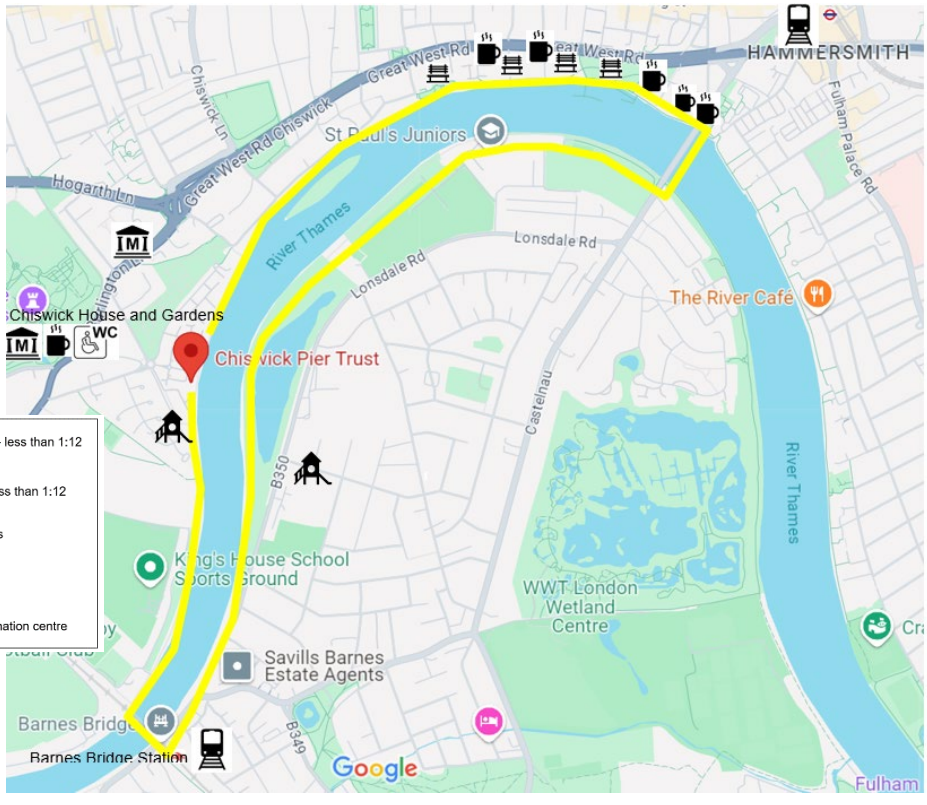
If you fancy a detour you can wander across to Chiswick House and Grounds (marked on the map), where there is a café, toilets, market and shop. Chiswick House was built between 1726 and 1729 and is one of the earliest neo-Palladian villas in England. The full route and a downloadable map can be found here: https://chiswickpier.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/CPT-Nature-Walk.pd

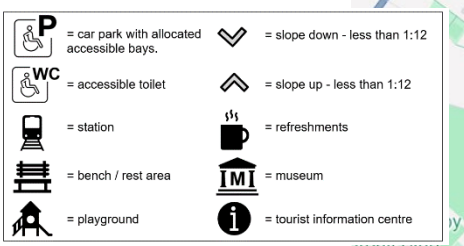
Start point:

The start and finish are at Pier House, Corney Reach Way, Chiswick, W4 2UG.

Parking is available in Pumping Station Road (this is pay-and-display 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Public Transport routes are also available, see additional attached map and guidance.







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Route Description:



Start at the Pier House in Chiswick; base of the Chiswick Pier Trust and local branch of The Sea Cadets. Keep the river on your left-hand side as you begin walking, passing beside a line of tall poplar trees. After a short while the path becomes unsurfaced and diverts to the left towards the river (photo >).

After 100 yds a short diversion to the right would take you to the restored Chiswick House pump house and Promenade Avenue.

After another 500 yds on the right can be seen the soon to be restored bandstand originally constructed in 1926.



Keep the boat house on your right side and go over the small flight of steps ahead of you (< photo). The path now leads through a small pocket of woodland and then to the right The Emmanuel Hollow girder sculpture. At this point The Thames Path continues to the left under the railway bridge. Instead take the steps ahead up onto Barnes Bridge (photo >).



Turn left over the bridge and admire the view.



On reaching the opposite side of the river take the steps down from the bridge, cross the road ahead of you (pedestrian crossing to your left) and walk on the raised footpath with the river immediately on your left-hand side and Lonsdale Road and the pubs and cafes of Barnes High Street on your right (photo <)

Enter Profit Dock Gardens and keep to the rough path on the left-hand side. Look out for a small path on your right leading to a gate to The Leg O'Mutton Reservoir.



After passing through the gate, follow the path through the trees to your left. After a minute or two of walking you'll have views of the reservoir. About halfway along the reservoir you will see rafts acting as communal nests for Grey Herons (photo >)

Stay on this path as it bends gradually to the right following the shape of the reservoir. Leave through the gate at the eastern corner of the reserve and turn left onto a path which will reunite you with Thames. Resume walking with the river on your left-hand side.

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Cross pedestrian and cycle only Hammersmith Bridge (photo >) to arrive on the north bank of the Thames. Keep the river on your left-hand side as you walk through the pub and garden lined Hammersmith riviera. Leave the gardens through a narrow alley, passing The Dove pub. You'll come out on a road in front of the William Morris Society. Follow the road.



Pass under an overhanging building to find yourself at Old Ship beside Upper Mall Open Space. Follow the path as it bends through the open space away from the river and passes The Black Lion on your right-hand side. The road you come out onto is Hammersmith Terrace, walk straight ahead. After a short walk Hammersmith Terrace becomes Chiswick Mall. The river reappears on your left behind a row of gardens belonging to the houses on your right. ***** Be aware that Chiswick Mall floods at a high spring tide! If your route is blocked, you will need to take a right turn and walk along Great West Road until Church Street where you can turn left again and resume your walk at St Nicholas Church*****

Continue along Chiswick Mall until you reach the bend in the road where you can detour right to view St Nicholas's church and Hogarth's tomb. Return to Chiswick Mall, then turn left to go through a small gate to the right of the slipway (Photo >) leading towards the river. Follow back to Chiswick Pier House and the end of the walk. Look behind you for a great view of Chiswick Eyot and back towards Hammersmith.

