**London Green Belt Relay Stage 1 Route Instructions**

Hampton Court Palace to Staines-upon-Thames 13.0 miles

For a map of stage 1 see [MapMyWalk](https://www.mapmywalk.com/routes/view/2639067) - This can be downloaded as a GPX or KML file

Start is inside the main entrance at the front door to Hampton Court Palace. Grid Ref: TQ 15618 68480. Postcode KT8 9AS. See [Map of Start](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Molesey%2C%2BEast%2BMolesey%2BKT8%2B9AS/%4051.4040033%2C-0.3421415%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x48760b0dffc549d5%3A0x8d2ef890abf34343%218m2%213d51.4038958%214d-0.3396541).

**1.** Go out through the gate and turn left to a pelican crossing. Cross over the road and turn left over Hampton Court Bridge.

**2.** Immediately after crossing the bridge turn right along River Bank staying on the right-hand side and soon veer right onto a path, signed Thames Path, next to the river.

**3.** After 200 yards stay straight on past the war memorial and along a pedestrian area called Barge Walk, soon passing Molesey Lock to your right.

**4.** The route follows the Thames Path for the next 4.7 miles to Walton Bridge.

**5.** At 3.3 miles we pass Sunbury Lock.

**6.** At 5 miles stay straight on and under Walton Bridge. Then for another 100 yards and with a small pier to your RHS, turn left, signed Thames Path and through metal bollards. Turn left along a wide pavement with a road to your RHS.

**7.** The pavement leads across the entrance to a road, then on up to the bridge. Then left, along the pavement, and over Walton Bridge.

**8.** Once over the river, follow the pavement as it turns left into Walton Lane.

**9.** On entering Walton Lane stay on the pavement on the left-hand side, soon across the entrance to Thames Meadow. The lane, for the next 420 yards, is one way until Dunally Park.

**10.** 230 yards after Dunally Park and just past Peacock House (at 5.72 miles) turn left onto a path across a small riverside park. On reaching Russell Road turn left along the road keeping the river to the left.

**11.** On passing Halliford School, to your RHS and a private road to a boatyard on your LHS, the narrow pavement runs out and you can veer left to walk along the grass and parallel to the road.

**12.** After 60 yards cross over a lane and straight on along a worn grass path. (NB. There are small Thames Path way-markers along here). The path soon becomes enclosed between trees (now at 6 miles), When the path merges back alongside the road, fork left to follow the path over a small footbridge and turn right down the wooden ramp (the Brownies & Guides Hut away to your left-hand side).

**13.** At the bottom, turn left into the car park of Shepperton Cricket Club, then sharp left through the car park (the cricket pitch is to your RHS) and onto a footpath. Follow this wide path through a wood to the river Then turn right with the river now to your LHS and trees to your RHS.

**14.** The path eventually emerges into Manor Park car park. Go straight on through the vehicle exit and turn left along the pavement (Church Road) and eventually into Old Shepperton.

**15.** Follow the main road through the village as far as Ferry Lane - the Thames Court Hotel Pub sign marks the start of the lane. Turn left into the lane. As its name suggests, Ferry Lane leads to the river and a privately-run ferry to Weybridge on the opposite bank.

**16.** On reaching the river turn right along the road. For the next mile we basically follow the road, but there are opportunities to use a path next to the river.

**17.** At 8.05 miles, as the road turns right, go straight on along the towpath which is now enclosed between the river and farmland.

**18.** Eventually the path passes through a kissing gate and into a large open field called Dumpsey Meadow. A short footpath off to the right leads to Chertsey Bridge Road. However, stay straight on around a large bend which is the edge of the meadow and next to the riverbank.

**19.** At 9.1 miles, continue straight on under Chertsey Bridge and along the footpath on the left-hand side of the road and next to the river.

**20.** On reaching Laleham the road turns right towards the centre of the village (now at 10.4 miles). DO NOT turn right with the road, instead follow the towpath straight on along the narrow river road.

**21**. 11.2 miles past Penton Hook Lock.

**22.** Immediately after passing under Staines railway bridge and before reaching and next to the Thames Lodge Hotel (at 12.75 miles), turn left through a gate and behind the hotel to continue upstream along the river. The path leads past a riverside car park, then onto the finish at Staines Pier, next to the London Stone and behind the Staines Town Hall.

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